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KOREAN LULL BROKEN

But Chinese Reds Keep Out

TOKYO, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter).

FIGHTING flared up along a 30-mile front in North-West Korea today bearing the three-week lull since the Chinese counter-offensive pushed the United Nations forces below the 38th Parallel.

At one point, North and South Koreans fought for two hours, along the Imjin River 30 miles from Seoul, southern capital.

Only units of the strong reconstituted North Korean "buffer forces", between the Eighth Army covering Seoul and the great Chinese forces still deployed 70 miles to the north, took part in these clashes with South Korean and American elements.

The beleagured American garrison surrounded at Hungam in the north-east were still holding their own against persistent Chinese pressure. Carrier planes and the big guns of the Allied warships offshore again gave them full support.

CENSORSHIP IMPOSED

General MacArthur today imposed a censorship on news despatches, radio broadcasts, magazine articles and photographs from Korea, replacing the "voluntary censorship" system in force for the past five months.

With five days to go till December 25, the United Nations forces in Korea were reported to be making special preparations for any Christmas Day offensive by the Communists who, it was thought, might imitate the Japanese tactics of attacking when they thought the enemy might be off guard.

A Korean communique claimed "the liberation of all vital cities and towns north of 38th Parallel," but that the Communists were still "fiercely attacking enemy personnel and equipment on the east coast"—presumably the Hungnam beachhead.

(North Koreans "fighting shoulder to shoulder with Chinese volunteers" had now reached 38th Parallel, according to a Peking Radio broadcast picked up in Hong Kong).

The South Korean Navy claimed today that its ships had sunk 69 small boats, damaged 111, and captured seven.

It had also destroyed 32 motor boats, damaged 27 and captured five.

Food Allocation To Bombay

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI): Bombay will receive 700,000 tons of food grains in 1951 from the Central Government to meet the food deficit in the State, according to a tentative plan of food grain distribution of the Government of India for the next year.

The other scarcity state namely Bihar, is expected to have a quota of 600,000 tons, while Bengal and Madras have been provisionally allotted 400,000 tons each.

45 JUMP OUT OF BURNING BOAT

Eight Drowned In Lake

QUILON, Dec. 20 (PTI): Eight of the 45 passengers who jumped out of a burning boat in the Vembanad Lake drowned last night, according to reports received here.

Seven of the passengers were reported missing.

Fire broke out in the engine room of the boat "Empire" ferrying between Alleppey and Ernakulam. Fanned by gust of wind, the fire soon spread and the panicky passengers abandoned the ship jumping out into the lake.

A rescue boat picked up 25 persons and five others managed to swim ashore.

Police parties were continuing the search for the seven missing passengers. Meanwhile, the bodies of the eight drowned had been recovered.

PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT IN SIKIANG

LONDON, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter). A "Peoples' Government in the Tibetan autonomous region in Sikiang" was formally founded on November 24, according to a New China (Communist) news agency report received in London today.

The report said the first conference of 271 "people's representatives of all classes" of the region elected San Rgyas ye Sheh (Tien Pao) as chairman of the Government and embodied in concrete form "the nationalities policy contained in the common programme of the Chinese People's political Consultative Conference".

The Conference adopted a proposal that a pact of unity and mutual help be signed among the Tibetan Han and Yi peoples living in the area.

A demonstration by 5,000 people was held the following day to celebrate the founding of the Republic "and strengthen the movement to resist American aggression, aid Korea and defend the homeland".

BRITISH OFFICERS SAVE 17 FROM GUNS

WITH BRITISH TROOPS IN KOREA, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter).—Two British officers today halted the execution of about 40 prisoners by South Korean military police. The officers who were acting under the orders of the British 29th Independent Brigade saved 17 from shooting.

The execution was being carried out a few hundred yards from Brigade Headquarters.

Brigadier Thomas Brodie said tonight: "I am not going to have people executed on my doorstep. My officers will stop executions in my area or within view of my troops."

MADRAS, Dec. 20 (PTI).—An armed band of about ten men described as Communists attacked last night forest subordinates of Sivapuram range at Kothpatti village, about 50 miles from Kurnool and carried away firearms from them, according to a telegram received today.

In the encounter, the miscreants shot and killed one of the forest guards before getting away.

STASSEN IN DELHI

Mr. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania accompanied by Messrs, A. Lewis and B. Matson arrived in Delhi on December 19. He was received at Palam aerodrome by H. E. Mr. Loy W. Henderson, U. S. Ambassador to India, the A.D.C. to the President of India representing the President and officials of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. L to R: Mr. Matson, Colonel Sutherland, Military Attache to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. A. Lewis, A. D. C. to the President, Mr. Harold Stassen, H. E. the American Ambassador, Mr. Steere, the Counsellor U. S. Embassy in New Delhi.

STEEP RISE IN CLOTH PRICES IN BOMBAY

Acute Shortage Of Indian Textiles Being Felt

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

PRICES of coarse and medium varieties of Indian textiles as well as of disposal cloth and fine cloth have registered a steep rise in Bombay in the last two weeks, following the acute shortage which is now being felt in respect of these qualities of cloth writes the U.P.I. special correspondent.

It is stated in knowledgeable circles here that, following Government's directive limiting exports to soft currency areas many mills in Bombay started liquidating their stocks in free ports, particularly in that of Djibouti, from where the textiles made their way to the United Kingdom, which still appears to be a very good market for Indian coth.

To bypass Government's definition of coarse and medium varieties of cloth, these mills have, by a slight change in the process of manufacture, converted these qualities into fine quality cloth. The net result has been that cloth has more or less disappeared from the market and is being quoted at high prices. Shirtings and longcloth, for instance, are being respectively quoted at 50 percent and 100 percent above ex-mill prices.

This steep upward tendency of prices has been accentuated, it is explained here, by the prices which Government are accepting for disposal cloth. It is pointed out, in this connection, that the tenders invited by Government at present mention prices which, are

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Curfew Imposed In Amraoti

ONE KILLED IN RIOTING

NAGPUR, Dec. 20 (PTI): A dusk-to-dawn curfew was clamped down in Amraoti today following rioting there this morning.

One person died and twenty were injured as a result of the trouble. Some houses and shops were burnt down and few cases of looting were reported.

The trouble started over the slaughter of cattle by some butchers.

The situation was immediately brought under control and a curfew was imposed from six p.m. to six a.m.

SUGAR RATIONING SCRAPPED

Factories Allowed To Sell Excess Production Freely

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20. (PTI).

THERE will be no statutory rationing of sugar but it will continue to be distributed on the present scales through ration shops on an informal basis according to instructions issued by the Central Ministry of Agriculture to all State Governments.

There will also be no ban on inter-state or inter-state movement of sugar.

As a resut of reconsideration of the sugar and gur policy for the current season,, Government have come to the conclusion that in the present circumstances when adequate imports are not possible complete decontrol of sugar is likely to result in hoarding and profiteering on a large scale, leading to grave hardships to a considerable number of consumers. The alternative is to continue the control but to operate in such a manner as will give the advantage of decontrol as far as possible.

It has, therefore been decided: Not to proceed with the licensing of Kohlus and allow gur to be manufactured freely: to revise the prices fixed for gur, sugar-cane, and sugar so as to provide adequate incentive for further sugar production having regard to the difference in the manufacturing costs of sugar factories in different regions; and to ensure regulated distribution of sugar out of the minimum quantity of sugar procured from the factories, leaving surplus production for sale in a free market.

GUR CEILING PRICE

The ceiling price of gur has been raised from Rs. 18 to Rs. 19 a maund for surplus states and between Rs. 21 to Rs. 23 a maund in deficit states according to local circumstances. The State Governments have been advised to ensure, as far as practicable, that the producers of gur get an adequate price within the ceiling fixed.

To maintain parity with the increased gur price and to encourage the supply of cane to sugar factories the minimum price of cane has been raised by -/2/- a maund to Rs. 1/12/- a maund in U. P. and Bihar, and corresponding increases have also been allowed in other states.

Following the increase in the price of cane, the all-India price of sugar has been raised from Rs. 28/8/- to Rs. 29/12 a maund. After making the necessary allowances for the varying manufacturing costs, local taxes etc., ex-factory prices have been fixed for different areas, but no freight advantages will be allowed to any factory as in previous years. The revised prices of sugar will apply to all the quantity produced in the 1950-51 season and will operate from the beginning of the season. These revised prices will apply only to the quantities procured by Government from the factories, for which a ceiling of 10 lakh tons has been fixed for the country. Each factory will be free to dispose of its production in excess of its basic quota plus seven per cent, in a free market. There will be no restrictions on the price or distribution of such sugar.

The allocation of factory stocks to the various State Governments will continue to be made as before.

Bigamy Is No Crime!

KAIRA, Dec. 20 (H.S.):—The local First Class Magistrate acquitted here a man and his wife, residents of Kathana in Borsad Taluka, who were charged with the violation of the 'Hindu Bigamous Marriage Act.' Declaring articles 5 and 6 of the said act as 'Ultra Vires', the Magistrate in his judgment stated that the second marriage of a man whose first wife is living, cannot be treated as a crime, as the articles of the above Act infringes upon the fundamental rights of man and hence unlawful.

ILAM MAY FALL TO INSURGENTS

Governor Takes A Loan To Feed His Men

BIRATNAGAR, Dec. 20 (UPI):—Insurgents' forces have surrounded the town of Ilam, cutting off all supply communication to State forces stationed there and Ham, the seat of the Governor of Ilam province on the eastern end of Nepal near Darjeeling is expected to fall in the insurgents 'hands before long, according to a communique issued from the insurgents' eastern command headquarters this afternoon.

The financial conditions of the Ilam Governor, now within the besieged town, is reported bad and the Governor of Ilam has, it is stated, taken a loan of Rs. 5,000 from some businessmen to feed his staff and State forces.

Mr. Matrika Prasad Koirala, President of the Nepali Congress visited Biratnagar front this afternoon along with Mr. B. P. Koirala and General Subarian and thanked the insurgents for their successful besiege around the Governor's residence.

Tide Turns Against Travancore Paddy

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 20 (PTI).—Owing to mud bunds yielding and giving way to tidal pressure, between 12,000 and 14,000 acres of paddy fields in the Travancore coastal, below-water-level lake-land region of Kuttanad are now inundated by saline water.

Standing crops estimated to yield roughly 40,000 tons of paddy in about a month have been completely damaged and practically lost as a result of the disaster, the Chief Minister told the Press Trust of India today.

CHINA'S FAITH IN PEACE REITERATED

Gen. Wu's Terms For Cease-Fire

LONDON, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter).

GENERAL Wu, leader of the Chinese Communist Delegation to the United Nations, said on arrival here today that China would do her utmost to find a peaceful solution of the Far Eastern problem.

He and other members of the Delegation had come by air from New York on their way home to Peking 'via' Prague.

In a prepared statement, General Wu said: "The Chinese people love peace ardently and hope to preserve the country from aggression and the sight of aggression.

"The Chinese Government has always advocated peaceful means especially in the problem of the Far East.

"Although the United Nations Security Council rejected our basic proposals we shall do our utmost to find a peaceful solution to the Far Eastern problem."

General Wu said China was willing to try to persuade the Chinese volunteers to bring about an early closure of the military operations which they were forced to undertake with the Korean Peoples Army" in resistance against the United States armed aggression."

Earlier, in his statement General Wu alleged that "United States military adventures" had ulterior motives. It was only when their efforts were for a cessation of the war that a real cease-fire would be possible, he said.

The real purpose of the socalled "cease-fire first" was to tie the hands of the Korean Peoples Army and the Chinese volunteers so that United States troops might continue the aggression and extend the war, he asserted.

"We would like to unmask such traps to the peace-loving people of the whole world", he said.

United States policy had "pushed the whole world to the abyss of war."

An hour after landing, the whole party was airborne again on its way to Prague.

The delegates were greeted by the Russian, Rumanian, Czechoslovak and Polish Ambassadors as well as by United Nations and British Foreign Office officials.

The nine delegates and staff headed by General Wu Hsiu-Chuan were in a hurry. They should have started the next stage of their journey home at 11-35 this morning from Northolt, a few miles away from London airport.

But they had been held up at New York while their luggage was cleared and did not arrive here until 12.51 p.m.

With them they had about a ton of luggage including radio sets, kitchenware, cameras, electrical equipment and clothes that they had bought in New York.

Airport officials said they carried 54 items of luggage against the 16 they had when they passed through London on their way to Lake Success.

Cars and a motor coach took the party and their luggage across London to Northolt where Czech airlines had delayed the plane taking them to Prague.

General Wu attacked United States "war policy" in a statement.

He said the Chinese proposal to stop the war in Korea had been rejected through the manipulation of the United States.

The bankruptcy of the reactionary policy of the United States had pushed the whole world to the abyss of war.

General Wu added: "We believe that if the peace-loving people of the whole world united together, distinguish clearly between right and wrong, and fight resolutely, the war policy of the United States will be averted.

Police Constable Shot At In Kanpur

KANPUR, Dec. 20 (PTI): A police constable on patrol duty sustained serious revolver-shot injuries when an unknown person attacked him in the Johi area, last night.

The assailant was reported to have fired at the constable when the latter challenged him and his two companions, cycling late at night.

THE ROCK WAS THEIR GRAVE

DENAD FOREST (Nilgiris), Dec. 20 (PTI).—A tall gaunt rain-washed rock rising in relief from the hill ranges here was the natural tombstone to the 20 dead in last week's air crash now lying nameless and beyond recognition in the glenlike ravine below, writes a Press Trust of India special correspondent.

Under a shroud of green leaves and bristling grass the bodies lay, some charred, some mutilated, but all maggot-eaten, when I reached the ravine this evening along with a party of agonised and sobbing relatives and friends of those dead.

Wreckage of the Air India Dakota bestrewed the scene. Its fuselage was nowhere to be seen, but one of its engines knocked off in the impact of the crash had hurtled below and lay a little distance down. Its tail jutted out and pointed to the sky. A broken wing lay on its side.

PERILOUS TREK

Kotagiri, plantation town 40 miles from Coimbatore, from where we started out was too full of sorrowful people—near kin and friends of the crash victims. The very villagers shared their sorrow. And on our journey nearly a hundred of them followed us, but had to turn back as it became perilous in the last mile and a half of the trek.

The seven-mile route lay across hill ranges and undulating tableland. But when we came to the rock—Rangaswami Hill as it is known locally—we had to go down its steep side to reach the ravine. By now, the party had thinned down and there were only a few of the relatives of the dead. Some police and civilian officials, a few planters and pressmen. It took us two and a half hours before we could make the spot.

Plantation workers told me it had been raining incessantly here during the past week. Low clouds and thick fog blurred the top of the rock even now.

ONLY 2 IDENTIFIED

MADRAS, Dec. 20 (PTI).

Not a single complete body of the twenty persons aboard the ill-fated Air-India Dakota which crashed on December 13 while on its flight from Bangalore to Coimbatore is available.

The P. T. I. correspondent who visited the scene of accident this morning telephoned tonight that he found the bodies in an advanced state of decomposition, mangled and mutilated. However, the bodies of Capt. A. B Wiseman, the Pilot, and Prof. Wald, Statistician of Columbia University, were identified by the documents on their persons.

The Taluk Magistrate of Coonoor and the police held an inquest over the bodies at the scene of the accident and returned a verdict of death due to accident. The bodies were buried there itself as it was impossible to remove them.

The plane appears to have come between two hillocks in a deep valley and after a head-on crash, seems to have skidded down a deep precipice. The plane was reduced to splinters and the engine was lying half a mile away from the spot where the plane crashed. The tail of the plane was almost intact.

ENVOYS' REQUEST

Mr. J W. D. Locker, United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner, Madras, stated here today that he had asked Mr. Mitchell Secretary of

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WAR JITTERS HIT SHAH'S WEDDING

No Gala Celebrations

TEHERAN, Dec. 20. (PTI-Reuter).

ALL gala celebration and parties except one reception prepared for the wedding of the Shah of Persia next week have been cancelled in view of the "extremely grave" international situation, a Government spokesman stated to day.

The Prime Minister General Haji Ali Razmara told the Senate today that frontier guards had been alerted.

Persia did not want to take part in any war, but would defend its frontiers if attacked.

The world was nearer war than ever, he said and appealed for unity.

The Shah Mohammed-Reza Pahlevi, is to mary Miss Soraya Esfandiari, daughter of a Persian dignitary and a German mother on December 27.

TO BE POSTPONED?

But the wedding may have to be postponed. The bride-to-be who has just recovered from a typhoid attack, was said to be ill again today with a high temperature.

The Shah has ordered all funds for wedding gifts from the Persian people to be deposited in a special account opened in the Persian National Bank.

Deaf And Dumb Burnt To Death

FIRE HAVOC IN JAPAN

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): Ten deaf and dumb students were burned to death when fire razed the dormitory of a school today in Okohama City, Western Japan.

Damage was estimated at 10,000,000 yen (approximately 1,33,350 rupees).

The cause of the fire was unknown.

CARTRIDGE SENT TO A MAGISTRATE

MADRAS, Dec. 20, (PTI).

The City Police are investigating a complaint about the receipt of a live cartridge with a warning note addressed to Mr. K. Ramaswamy Gounder, former Chief Presidency Magistrate of Madras, who has recently been appointed the District Judge of Chittor.

It is stated that a packet containing the cartridge and the note was received by Mr. Gounder's son who complained to the police.

Train Hits Bullock Cart

NAGPUR, Dec. 20, (PTI).

A bullock cart driver was killed and the bullocks were injured when a goods train knocked down the bullock-cart at an unmanned level crossing between Kalmeshwar and Bharatwada stations on the G. I. P. Railway at 0-40 hours today, according to a communication received from the Divisional Transportation Superintendent, G. I. P. Railway, Nagpur.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that partnership subsisting between Manilal H. Patel, Sadhuram K. Patel, Maneklal G. Parikh and Navnitlal M. Parikh and carrying on business of manufacture of Bobbins etc., at Reay Road, Bombay, in the name of Messrs. Patel Bobbins & Engineering Works has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent as from the 1st day of November, 1950 so far as relates to the said Manilal H. Patel and Sadhuram K. Patel. The said Maneklal G. Parikh and Navnitlal M. Parikh are carrying on the said business in the said name at the said place as from the 1st day of November, 1950. The said Maneklal G. Parikh and Navnitlal M. Parikh are entitled to all the assets, effects and outstandings as also Goodwill of the said firm and will be responsible for all the liabilities of the said firm.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1950.

M. H. PATEL.
S. K. PATEL.
M. G. PARIKH.
N. M. PARIKH

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NOTICE

THE PUBLIC are hereby informed that a portion of Cadell Road from its junction with Lady Jamshedji Road to its junction with Kapad Bazar Lane will be CLOSED to all vehicular traffic from mid-night of 22nd December, 1950 to 6 a.m. on 2nd January, 1951 on account of the Mahim Fair.

This order is made under the provisions of Section 23(4) of the City of Bombay Police Act, IV of 1902.

M. M. CHUDASAMA
Commissioner of Police,
Greater Bombay

Head Police Office.
Bombay, 14th December, 50.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are required for the following works by the registered 'A' class contractors details of estimate and plan, etc., can be had at the office of the Executive Engineer, Canal Construction Division No. 1 Munirabad.

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RETIRING ROOMS AT SURAT STATION

THE PUBLIC RETIRING ROOMS at Surat Station have been temporarily CLOSED down until further notice and will not be available for the use of passengers owing to the work of reconstruction of the Station building.

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NOTICE

THE APOLLO MILLS, LIMITED

APPLICATIONS has been received by the Directors of this Company to issue duplicates of Share Certificates for 200 Shares Nos. 1797876/975 and 1797476/575 standing in the joint names of Norman de Putron Fuzzey and Harold Langley Pickford, upon the statement that the original certificates have been lost. And notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the said Directors at the registered office of the company situated at Delisle Road, Chinchpokli, Bombay 11, they will then proceed to deal with such application for issue of duplicate Share Certificates.

J. C. PANDYA
Secretary

Bombay,

(2300)

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO." LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at SUNDERBAI HALL, Carnegy Road, Queen's Road, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1951, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) to adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1950, to elect Directors, to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 16th February, 1951, both days inclusive.

By order of the
Board of Directors,

NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.,
Agents.

Scindia House,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay 13th December, 1950.

Shareholders are requested to notify any change of address.

To the Shareholders of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. and in particular to: Mr. Abdul R. M. N. Farsi, Mr. Amed C. Essay, Mr. Bhimbhai Morarji, Mr. Dinshaw B. Gandevia, Mr. Ephrem D'Souza, Mr. Chhotabhai S. Patel, Mrs. Fatma Arab, Mr. Ghanshyambhai B. Patel, Mr. Homi M. Shroff, Mr. Ignatius X. Pereira, Mr. J. H. Alexander, Mr. Karmali R. Dewji, Mr. Luis F. Saldanha, Mr. Manek B. C. Gazder, Mr. Narain D. Hira, Mr. Purushottam I. Amin, Mrs. Rubab A. Mamujee, Mr. Sagarmal Tibrewalla, Mr. T. Buell, Mr. Vrajlal C. Barot, Mr. Yusoof E. Bawa, Mr. Yacoob A. M. Mamsa, Mr. Zaverbhai M. Patel. (9325)

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THE ARCADIA GENERAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIES LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the insufficiency of the service of notice to members the first STATUTORY MEETING of the Company fixed up to be held on the 21st instant stands ADJOURNED to the 18th of January, 1951.

By order of the Board
M. G. KAMAT
Secretary

Bombay: 21/12/1950.

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THE BARSI SPINNING & WEAVING MILLS LIMITED.

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Forty-third Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Saturday the 23rd day of December 1950, at 3-00 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 1-2, Mubarak Manzil, (2nd floor) 104, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

(2) To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

(3) To appoint Auditors for the year 1950 and to fix their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other business that the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
P. V. JOSHI
Chairman.

Bombay, 29th November 1950.

N. B.:— The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday the 16th day of December 1950, to Saturday the 30th day of December 1950, both days inclusive.

To,

The Shareholders:

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(9202)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

IN INSOLVENCY

No. 147 of 1950

Re: (1) HAJI HASSAN UMAR MAHIMI and (2) MAHOMED CASSAM UMAR SAHEB MAHIMI, both of Bombay, Landlords, residing and carrying on business of purchasing and selling "Buffaloes" at 5, Navpada, Bandra, Greater Bombay ... ... Debtors.

Ex parte: Shah Jawat Teju ... ... Petitioning Creditor.

On the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioning Creditor presented on the 18th day of December 1950, an Order was made this day by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtors Insolvents

Dated this 19th day of December, 1950.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL
Insolvency Registrar,
High Court, Bombay.

(9323)

District News

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20 (H.S.): The one-and-half month-old strike of the Maskati Mahajan—the Cloth-Merchants' Union came to an end yesterday after an amicable settlement between the Maskati Mahajan and the Mill Owners' Association. After lengthy negotiations between the representatives of both the organisations over the question of 'half per cent discount' that had become the bone of contention, it was agreed that only those merchants who would pay in cash for the delivery of mill-products, would be privileged to charge half per cent discount.

GUJERAT MOURNING

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20 (H.S.): The Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee has asked all the subordinate bodies of the organisation in its jurisdiction, to observe one months' formal mourning for the Sardar. The A.I.C.C. will meet at Ahmedabad in the next month as desired by Sardar Patel.

CHOLERA VICTIMS

RAIPUR: The Railway police recovered twelve corpses from a passenger train that arrived here from Sambalpur, two days ago. All of them were the victims who fell a prey to the cholera that has played a havoc at Angul. The passengers were returning from Angul.—H.S.

CANCELLED

POONA: The Presidential procession at the 28th Session of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha at Poona, is cancelled to mourn the death of Sardar Patel, declared Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, President of the Reception Committee, at a Press Conference today.—H.S.

SAVINGS DRIVE

DHULIA: The National Savings schemes of the Government have received remarkable co-operation in West Khandesh District. The total sale of the National Savings Certificates, this year, it is estimated, would exceed that of the last year's by Rs. 2,00,000.—H.S.

ROAD REPAIR

SHOLAPUR: The observance of the 'Physical Education Day' by the District Athletic Association, here, was marked with the commencement of the constructive work of repairing a public road.

Nearly 100 secondary teachers, 1900 boys and 100 girls participated in the construction of a pucca road in the Harijan localities.—H.S.

SENTENCED

SANGLI: Shridhar Sakale, a local resident was sentenced by the Additional Judge to one year's R. I. under Article 387 of the Indian Penal Code on the charge of collecting money with coercion, with a view to conspire the assassination of leaders such as Shri V. D. Savarkar and Shri M. S. Golwalkar.—H.S.

Mahasabha At The Cross-roads

NEW FRONT LIKELY TO EMERGE

POONA, Dec. 20: The 29th session of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, which is being held under the presidentship of Dr. N. B. Khare, here next week, will answer a vital question: "Should the Sabha associate non-Hindus in its parliamentary activities or sever its parliamentary wing from the organisation and help, to forge a new political front of which the Sabha will be a constituent".

Already, the Working Committee of the Mahasabha at its meeting at Moradabad in October last, had expressed itself in favour of the first alternative. It was likely, however, Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar Chairman of the Reception Committee of the session, told pressmen, today, that a suggestion for accepting the second proposal might be put forward at the session by some of the members of the organisation.

According to these members, it would not be correct for the Sabha to expect non-Hindus joining in the parliamentary activities of the Sabha to act as "agents" of an oragnisation of which they were not members and carry out its parliamentary programme.

NEW FRONT

It would be better, therefore, for the Sabha to start a new political front whose main principles would be the principles of "nationalism and democracy" to get the co-operation of non-Hindus to furtner objectives of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Mr. Bhopatkar explained that if such a new party was organised, it would prepare its own election manifesto and submit it for the consideration of the people. It was too premature, he added, as yet to say whether other political groups would join this party if formed.

The session will be held in a specially erected open air pandal named as "Swatantra Veer Savarkar Nagar". The Reception Committee expects that it will be attended by about 2,500 delegates and a gathering of over 20,000. Though the Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha had directed that the session should be a purely business one, it was being thrown open to the public in view of its meeting at a "very critical period in the history of the country"

Government House News

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Governor of Bombay received Shri K. S. Mankar, Shri Fazal I. Rahimtoola, Shri P. P. Kapadia and Shri R. Bhosle.

MEDICINES FOR ASSAM

BOMBAY, Dec. 20 (H.S.): The Bombay Committee of the International Students Service has decided to organise a drive for the collection of books and medicines for the Assam Students' Relief, 18th and 19th December were devoted to the collection of medicines.

Find New Human Order To Save The World

RADHAKRISHNAN'S CALL TO PHILOSOPHERS

CALCUTTA, December 20, (PTI).

DR. SARVAPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN, Indian Ambassador to the USSR and General President of the Indian Philosophical Congress, said here today that if the world was to be saved from mounting chaos, we must find a new human order, where the human individual was not reduced to a mere object of scientific investigation, but was recognised as a subject of freedom.

He told the Silver Jubilee session of the Congress that "we must strive to be human in this most inhuman of all ages when we are calculating the atomic strength of different peoples."

FALSIFICATION

Dr. Radhakrishnan declared that when social organisation invaded the depths of human personality, when men were directed not only how to act but how to think, human beings underwent "a terrifying process of falsification."

"This great betrayal of the human spirit will lead to the ultimate destruction of humanity," he said.

"In these days of disillusion, after two wars as we are rehearsing a third war in the minds and bodies of men, a kind of intellectual listlessness is widely prevalent."

He, therefore, called on the philosophers of the world to "sustain the new world (a better world) with faith, to produce the men who subordinate national, racial and religious divisions to the ideal of humanity."

"True progress is derived from recognition of the possibility of creative acts in history and not from forces of evolutionary naturalism or economic determinism", he observed.

SOLITARY THINKERS

"In spite of the passing insanities of the world," he said, "the solitary thinkers are there working for another world. We can catch the sound, fainter perhaps than others but persistent, the sound of things growing, of roots thrusting, of bonds bursting, of young men and women shaking off their chains and striving to bring a new world into life, a world in which the tormented peoples of the world may find peace and unity."

Dr. Radhakrishnan said that philosophy, which was the fruit of contemplation, was the sign of freedom in a world of necessity. It was freedom in the very awareness of bondage, he added.

BASED ON FACTS

"Philosophy should base itself on positive knowledge of actuality and not speculative idealism. It must base itself on facts of outward nature, facts of the individual mind and facts of spiritual life, what is without us, what is within us, what is above us

"While the universe is a developing process, it is not self-explanatory. Science can trace the facts and their inter-connections, but cannot offer any explanation of the world it attempts to describe.

"If science tells us anything, it is the power of mind over matter, the mind which exerts the whole energy of its varied being", he declared.

Quoting in support the ancient Indian philosopher Sankara, he said that the whole cosmic evolution was a gradual unfoldment of the immense possibilities of the supreme spirit.

"The orderliness and the growth in values, the transitions from matter to life, from life to animal instinct, from animal cunning to human self consciousness from human self-consciousness to spiritual wisdom illustrates the incorporation of fresh ideas and values in the cosmic process, he added.

Dr. Radhakrishnan observed that "it is correct in affirming that in the study of his self and the world man comes face to face with the soul and its nature, so profound, so complex, so full of hidden secrets and powers that his intellectual reason betrays itself as an insufficient light. "The very power of the soul cannot be grasped by logical reason," he declared.

Dwelling on the supreme realisation of human life, he said: "The human individual strips himself one after the other of the outer sheaths of consciousness, penetrates to the nerve and quick of his life until all else fades away into illimitable darkness, until he is alone in the white radiance of a central and unique ecstasy."

"This is the fulfilment of man," he added. "This is to be with God. This is to be of God."

He, however, stated that attempts to rationalise the mystery to translate into the language of concepts that which was inexpressible on concepts had resulted in different versions.

SPIRIT OF INDIA

Referring to India, Dr. Radhrishnan said that liberation from bondage was not real freedom though an essential step towards it. At a time of political defeat, he added, we had conceived a grossly exaggerated opinion of ourselves to induce self-confidence.

Complacency would prove our undoing, he declared and urged the renewal and transformation of "our philosophy to include all that is perenially valid in the ancient system and express them in the ways that are relevant to the contemporary situation."

"Let us realise that life is perpetual reality" he said.

Earlier, in a reference to Sri Ramana Maharshi and Sri Aurobindo, he said that they had spoken to us "in a world over-organised by ideological fanaticism, that truth is not exclusive or sectarian."

"India is not a country," he asserted, "but a state of mind, not a geographical expression but a mode of feeling and thinking, a certain direction of human spirit."

"The spirit of India is a foe to every kind of fanaticism," he declared.

Dr. Radhakrishnan added that in this age of speed and atomic power isolated national existence was impossible. "We are a part of the world, member of the whole, involved in its problems, inspired by its causes and troubled by its agonies." He therefore, urged that "we should learn to live as members of the world community."

MESSAGES TO THE PHILOSOPHERS

Interpret Satyagraha To The World

President Rajendra Prasad in a message to the Congress said that India had been the home of philosophy for ages. In recent time she had the privilege of placing before humanity the great philosophy of Satyagraha under the inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi. The world had witnessed it in action and the miracle wrought by it. Its social dynamics and creative activity had not yet found adequate scope and its rich implications in all walks of life had yet to be worked out and systematically explained to the world.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad hoped that the Indian Philosophical Congress would encourage Indian philosophers to undertake this sacred task, so important to the well-being of India and the world.

NO IVORY TOWER OUTLOOK

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in a message said that philosophy ought to play an important part in helping us solve the world's problems. But in fact, he added, there was little of philosophy or of logical thinking or humanity in the world's dealings. "All of us, in whatever group or nation we may be, seem to move in our own grooves of thought and action and thus fail to help in producing that integration which has become so essential in life today. Some of us try to grope in the dark to find a way out. But this does not seem to hold out much promise. Still I suppose we must continue doing our best."

Mr. Nehru hoped that philosophers would bring their philosophy in touch with the vital problems which overwhelmed the people in their lives today There was little room for the ivory tower outlook at present or, at any rate, it did not help.

DR. PRASAD TO VISIT JUBBULPORE

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 20.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad is visiting Jubbulpore on December 28 to lay foundation stone to the Mahakoshal Mahavidyalaya (Robertson-College) and to perform opening ceremony of Kala Niketan (Technical High School) buildings. After addressing a public meeting here he will spend the night and proceed to Allahabad by air to join the immersion ceremony of Sardar Patel's ashes and return from Allahabad on the same day. He will leave Allahabad for Nagpur by air.

RETRIAL ORDERED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Justice Bavdekar and Mr. Justice Dixit at the Bombay High Court set aside the conviction and sentenced of three months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500 passed against Shantilal Maganlal and Vinoobhai Dhirajlal by the Presidency Magistrate for the offence of possessing 'Ganja' and other intoxicants without a permit.

The trial court at first held a joint trial of the appellants, but subsequently separated the trial and examined the appellants as witnesses against each other.

Their Lordships held that the trial was irregular and ordered their retrial.

Mr. K. A. Somjee appeared for Shantilal; Mr. E. B. Ghaswala for Vinnobhai and the Government Pleader for the State.

Bank Accountant Acquitted

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Division Bench of the High Court consisting of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar allowed the appeal of Shanker Janaroan Trivedkar, a sub-accountant in the United Western India Bank, Girgaum Branch, against his conviction and sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 for the offence of the criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 85,000 and some ornaments.

The said amount and ornaments were lying in the safe of the Bank the key of which was with the appellant.

On October 10, 1949 when the safe was opened the money and ornaments were found missing.

The defence of the appellant was that the duplicate keys of the safe were in the posession of D. M. Avti, Shekhdav and Nimker, the other employees of the Bank and that he could not solely be held responsible for the missing articles.

Their Lordships held that there was no sufficient evidence on which to base the conviction and acquitted the appellant.

Mr. E. B. Ghaswala with Mr. P. A. Mahale and Mr. K. P. Mahale appeared for the appellant. The Government Pleader appeared for the State.

TWO DEMONETISATION CONVICTIONS SET ASIDE

Jehangir Rhstomji Vakil, and Bomanshaw Munchershaw Gagrat, coaccused in a case under the Demonetisation Ordinance have been acquitted by Justice Bavdekar and Justice Dixit, sitting as a Division Bench of the High Court.

Vakil was a cashier in the Discout Bank and Gagrat an accountant in the Bill Department. They were charged with aiding and abetting Narayanrao Ramrao Mudbidri, Manager of the Bank in filing an alleged false declaration with the Reserve Bank on January 11, 1946 about the currency notes of Rs. 1,000 denomination held by the bank on that day.

The three of them were arrested a couple of years later and after a trial which lasted a year were convicted and sentenced by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate.

The principal accused Mudbidri then went in appeal to the High Court and was ordered to be acquitted by Justice Chainani and Justice Dixit. Vakil and Gagrat thereupon filed a revision petition and their conviction and sentence were set aside.

Supply Of Quinine Sulphate

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Superintendent of Prohibition and Excise, Bombay, will in future supply quinine sulphate to Registered Medical Practitioners and Hospitals at the rate of Rs. 60 per lb., exclusive of postage and packing charges. The stock of the cheaper variety of the drug, which was received from Karnal in 1947, is now exhausted.

ASIATIC FEELING AMONG INDIANS

Siegfried's Impressions

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Giving his impressions of India, which he was visiting for the second time, after fifty years, Professor Andre Siegfried eminent French publicist and economist, told the Bombay Branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs on Tuesday evening that the people of this country had in the interval developed "Asiatic consiousness". This feeling, which the Professor found among the intelligentsia, though a "reality", was in his opinion a "negative reality as against the West."

Until a few days ago, Professor Siegfried said, Mr. Nehru was talking of "the unity of Asia", but since Communist China invaded Tibet, he did not refer to it any more.

Recalling his first visit to India in 1900, the French economist said that the talk he then had with those he met in this country was 80 per cent of religion and the rest of politics. His experience during the present visit was exactly the opposite. All that he could talk about religion today was confined to older people. Not a single one of the several university students he met ever referred to religious subjects

IN 1900

In all the big cities in India in 1900, there was a predominent British element. They were Imperialist-minded and were proud of it. The Civil Service administered the country. Though the Indian National Congress existed, the political atmosphere was entirely different from what it was today. There was nothing like a continental "Asiatic consciousness", he said. During his travel in China, before reaching India, he had then gained the impression that there was no common link between that country and Europe. But his contact with the Indians had given him the impression that the expression "Indo-European" meant something and that this country was linked with Europe, though it was a "philosophical" link. This idea he gathered might even be due to the fact he said, that the north-west of India was Muslim and that the Muslim was not altogether a foreigner to Europe.

The first thing which struck Professor Siegfried during this visit after an interval of fifty years was the physical presence of the English was not there. In that sense they had left the country. A great political change had come over India. It was now fully independent. He found, however, that the English had deeply influenced the Indian life. The language was very much widely spoken today. Lastly, the English had left their game, cricket, in India, a game which they failed to popularise in Canada, he said.

The Professor was of the view that the Indians today were anxious that the country should be "modernised" but not "westernised". They also did not like India to be "Americanised". He even heard a lot of people speak against America. But he did not hear anyone speak against Russia, he said. While Indians judge the actions of the United States of America very harshly, there did not appear to be any resistance such as might be expected to Soviet expansion in Mongolia, Manchuria, Sinkiang and now Korea. It appeared to him that many of the students and professors had "swallowed Russian propaganda".

In thanking the speaker on behalf of the Indian Council of World Affairs the Chairman, Mr. M. R. Masani, said that the following question seemed to emerge from Professor Siegfried's address:— "If our Asian nationalism is genuine, why is it that we fail to react against the menace which today threatens the security and independence of the countries of Asia?"

Earlier, the Chairman had referred to the great loss suffered by the country in the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the gathering stood in silence for two minutes as a tributes to his memory.

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THE HOUSING ISSUE BEFORE INDIA

U. N. Mission's Analysis: Ways To Give Help

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Housing Mission in a statement today said that the mission was impressed "with the seriousness of the housing problem in India, both in the cities and in the villages—which seems to have become a major public issue of great concern to the Government—national, state and local."

"The issue seems to be whether India has to continue much longer at two families to one room, or whether it is possible to reach an average of say at least two rooms for each family", they added.

"Obviously, only the greatest ingenuity and perseverance can achieve this vast programme in the course of the next ten or twenty years."

The mission was particularly impressed with such projects as the new town near Kalyan and Faridabad near Delhi, and particularly Nilokheri.

Referring to the discussion which the mission had with the Housing Panel of the National Planning Commission the question of how the service of the United Nations in housing and town and country planning can be of best use in India, the statement said:

U. N. HELP

"The United Nations can help make available the experience of other countries. This is done, first, by systematic documentation and by publications like the United Nations Bulletin on housing and town and country planning. Secondly, the United Nations Secretariat makes international studies and publishes the results.

"An example of this is the current study of methods of housing finance in all parts of the world. Thirdly, the United Nations sponsors meetings and sends special mission like the present one. The United Nations is now in a position to supply experts to be selected by the receiving country but paid by the U.N. This latter type of service was discussed in some detail with the Housing Panel.

At present under U.N. there are no international arrangements to help finance any part of the domestic cost of housing—local labour and local materials. Indispensable imports of equipment and of machinery for producing materials may in some case be internationally financed. This possibility might be utilised in connection with housing programmes.

One of the most important phases of technical co-operation through United Nations, as it has proved useful in other situations is that it helps to prepare for international financing. This might very well be the case in preparing for assistance to housing programmes through the Colombo Plan or the Gray Plan.

IMPRESSED

"The mission has been particularly impressed with such projects as the new town near Kalyan and Faridabad near Delhi, and particularly Nilokheri. Further a number of rural reconstruction projects like the one at Etawah (U.P.) are bound to have a good result in improved housing.

Such schemes are an indication of what could be done by social and economic framing of resources on a regional scale, in an effort to promote food production and stem the disastrous exodus to the big cities. In all these cases the basic principle of self-help is maintained, such self-help being drawn on the enormous resources of the people's own aspiration and their own work

"The Government can and does give technical and minor financial assistance in the best adaptation of self-help. Thus, housing improvement can be carried forward on a very wide scale at less money cost and with greater self-respect.

The only hope we can see for such swollen cities as Bombay is to disperse them in a planned way. The great jumble piling up in the crowded areas is too costly in money and in life. No big city can afford not to plan.

We all find Bombay very interesting and beautiful, but in it are also seen awful slums, cruel and inhuman."

NATIONAL PLANNING AND CENSUS

Dr. J.N. Mehta's Broadcast

BOMBAY, Wednesday: "The coming Census is not a mere counting of heads; it is a matter of national importance, and as such each and every citizen should whole-heartedly co-operate with the authorities to make it a complete success," observed Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works and Housing, Government of Bombay, in the course of Gujerati talk broadcast from the Bombay Station of All India Radio, today.

He said: "We have to shape our economic future and the next census should supply a basis for the same. From this view point, Census register will note down information about the vocation of the head of the family, other sources of his income, his dependents, etc. This will show the extent of unemployment in the country and also the number of persons engaged in different vocations, including agriculture, industry and professions followed by middle classes. This will also give us a picture of our social and family life, the extent of literacy and the number of able-bodied persons who can be useful for national defence and industrial development."

A GIGANTIC TASK

Characterising the forthcoming Census as the biggest and the cheapest in the world, Dr. Mehta observed: "It is almost impossible to perform such a gigantic task as going round all the six and a half crores of dwellings scattered all over this vast country, without willing co-operation of the general public. Over and above, there are thousands who have no roof over their heads. Moreover, the thousands who are illiterate make the task still more difficult. Truly speaking, it is a national task and every citizen should bear his own responsibility in fulfilling it."

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 12, 2007.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 11, 1370.
Parsi: Tir 20, 1320.
Sunrise 7-7 a.m.,
Sunset 6-7 p.m.
Hightide 09-22, 23-18.
Lowtide 04-16, 16-06.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Ordinary meeting, 6-30 p.m. Congress House.

FREEDOM GROUP: Mr. Pinnakin Patel will give a talk on "Isreal" at the Cama Library Hall at 6 p.m. A documentary on Israel will also be shown.

BOMBAY FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION: Public meeting at Nappoo Gardens at 8-30 p.m. Mr. D. N. Pritt K. C. will speak on: "What I saw in the Soviet Union".

THE BOMBAY HINDI VIDYARTHI MANDAL: Inter-Collegiate Dramatic Competition in Hindi will take place at 3 p.m. at Khalsa College, Matunga.

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES: Education and informative films in the lecture hall of Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya, Gowalia Tank at 6-30 p.m.

MARUTHI TEMPLE, VADALA: Foundation stone of the building will be laid on Friday at 8 a.m. Mr. S. K. Patel will address. Khodadad Circle, Dadar.

MAZGAON MEETING: A public meeting will be held under the auspices of the Mazgaon Taluka Congress Committee at Andher Galli, today at 8-30 p.m. Shri G. N. Desai, Vice-President of B.P.C.C. will preside.

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS: A meeting of representatives of all Volunteer Organisations has been convened by the G.O.C. of the Congress Seva Dal, to mourn the passing away of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dy. Prime Minister of India. This meeting will be held today at the Congress House at 8 p.m. Shri S. K. Patil, President B.P.C.C. and Mayor of Bombay will preside.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting will be held at Teju Kaya Park, Matunga, today at 9 p.m. to mourn the passing away of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Speakers include Shri G. B. Mahashabde, General Secretary, B.P.C.C., Shri N. C. N. Acharya and Shri N. D. Mehta.

Socialist Demonstration Planned On January 1

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Socialist Party, Bombay, has planned to stage a demonstration on January 1, 1951 "with a view to mobilise public opinion on problems of housing, civil liberties and the international situation".

The Party proposes to hold meetings in different parts of the city during this month to create public opinion to make the demonstration a success.

Freezing Point In N. Rajasthan

ALL INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 20 (PTI): Following is the daily all India weather summary for December 20th 1950.

The secondary western disturbances lies this morning over East Uttar Pradesh and is becoming unimportant. Dry weather has prevailed over the country outside East Uttar Pradesh and the hills of the Punjab (I) where a few showers have occurred.

Night temperatures were 5-10 degrees F. below normal in north-east India, Madhya Bharat, Gujarat and Saurashtra and Kutch. Temperatures near freezing point continued to be recorded in North Rajasthan.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 21st: Dry weather will prevail over the country except for a few very light showers in the hills of the (Punjab (I) the Darjeeling hills and in Upper Assam.

Night temperatures may rise in Madhya Bharat and not west Madhya Pradesh.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from October 1st 1950 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-30 hours IST on 20-12-50.

Abu 64— Akola 89 57 0 0.1 minus 2.8 Allahabad 84 58 T P minus 2.9 Ambala 75 45 0 0 minus 13 Bangalore 79 59 0 14.2 plus 5.3 Baroda 82 40 9 0 minus 2.6 Bhavnagar 80 47 0 0 minus 1.2 Bhopal 81 51 0 0.1— BOMBAR 81 63 0 1.4 minus 1.6 Calcutta 81 60 0 15.8 plus 10.3 Cherrapunji 62— Cochin 85 72 0 18.9 minus 2.4 Cuttack 82 59 0 11.3 plus 4.2 Darjiling 52 38 9 2.8 minus 3.7 Delhi 77 43 0 0 minus 0.8 Gwalior 79 47 0 0.1 Hyderabad (Dn) 85 59 0 2.1 minus 1.7 Indore 80 45 0 0.1 minus 1.9 Jaipur 76 43 0 0 minus 0 8 Jamnagar 76 42 0 0 minus 0.4 Lucknow 79 54 0 0.1 minus 1.5 Madras 33 71 0 11.8 minus 18.4 Mussoorie 55 41 0 0 minus 2.2 Mysore 80— 0 7.5 minus 1.5 Nagpur 85 56 0 0.5 minus 2.8 Ootacamund 67— Pachmarhi 76 51 0 0.2 minus 3.1 Patiala 83 46 0 0 — Poona 88 52 0 2.8 minus 1.9 Rajkot 78 43 0 0 minus 0.9 Ranchi 84 55 0 1.3 minus 2.5 Shillong 61 40 0 10.5 plus 2.1 Simla 50 39 0 0.3 minus 2.2 Trivandrum 87 71 0 14.5 minus 5.1 Udaipur 76 37 0 0 minus 0.8.

Film Industry's Homage To Sardar

BOMBAY, Wednesday: A resolution deeply mourning the irreparable loss sustained by the Nation in the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and conveying its respectful condolences and sincere sympathies to the members of his bereaved family, to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and through him to millions of his countrymen was adopted at a largely attended meeting of persons engaged in film industry at Central Studios today.

The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Motion Picture Society of India and several other film associations and organisations, was presided over by Mr. Chandulal Shah, President of the Motion Picture Society of India.

The resolution stated: "This meeting pays its humble homage to the greater Leader who lived for the Nation and sacrificed his all for the freedom and for the consolidation of that freedom and prays to God that we may be given strength and courage to follow the path laid down by him for the stabilised growth of our country".

Among those who spoke at the meeting were Mr. K. M. Modi, President of Indian Motion Picture producers' association Mr. M. B. Billimoria, President of Indian Motion Picture Distributors' Association, Mr. B. D. Bharucha, and Mr. W. H. Hese.

The resolution was passed with all those present standing in silence for two minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

Mark Of Respect To Sardar

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Municipal Standing Committee adjourned today without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee, Mr. B. A. Dalal, in brief speech said: "Sardar Patel had dedicated his whole life to the service of his motherland. He worked unwaveringly and zealously for the welfare of the people and carried on his task even during the last days of his life.

"He was a valiant fighter in the cause of the country's freedom and was also able administrator. The unification of India into one nation, which he achieved by the merger of the States, large and small, will ever remian as a lasting memorial to his services to India, and posterity will always remember him with reverence and gratitute."

A condolence resolution moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. M. Harris was passed at the meeting. The members stood in silence for two minutes in memory of the departed soul.

Feature Programmes On Sardar

All-India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast a feature programme on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in "Wonderland"—the Children's Programme in English on December 21, at 5-30 p.m. on 244 and 31.41 metres.

Anti-Epidemic Measures Intensified

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Cholera took a toll of 48 lives and small-pox 33, in the Bombay State during the week ended December 9. The State was free from both plague and poliomyelitis. Anti-cholera and vaccination measures were intensified in all the affected areas.

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HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" SUPERBLY RENDERED

Oligario Frank Excels

ONE of the finest concerts that Bombay has been privileged to hear in a long long time and thoroughly musically in its interpretation, the "Messiah" of Handel was performed at St. Xavier's College by the augmented choir of the Madrigal Singers assisted by a symphony orchestra under the capable leadership of Joachim Menezes. Without intending to belittle the efforts of others, I think it can safely be stated that this was the finest performance of this great choral work ever to be given in the city.

The orchestra was completely under the control of the conductor throughout the entire length of the concert of over three hours. All connected with the affair deserve a pat on the back for the unselfish manner in which they gave of their best in aid of charitable cause. It also says a great deal for the excellence of the rendition that the audience heard the oratorio through without any of the signs of boredom that become apparent in works of this length.

Among the soloists, Noreen Bohlt and Oligario Frank were definitely outstanding. Diction was crystal-clear and audible in the farthest corners of the open-air auditorium. Young Oligario is improving with every performance. The forcing of tone, of which he was guilty in the past, was totally absent. And, in contrast to some of the other soloists who had a noticeable tendency to deviate from true pitch, his was practically flawless. Given the time to mature, this singer should definitely reach the topmost rungs of the ladder.

The solo trumpet, which inclined to "split" in the upper register during the first day's performance, was—except for one shaky moment—good throughout the bass aria "The Trumpet Shall Sound." The flute also deserves praise for the icy clarity of his cantilena register. And the timpani: precise, and at just the right volume.

Victor Paranjoti, who was the man behind this venture, is to be congratulated on a really worthwhile contribution to Bombay's musical life. There WERE slips and there WERE awkward moments, but, as I have said before, for a work of this magnitude, performed in its entirety without any of the customary cuts to be without a single flaw is to demand the impossible.

It is a pity that the concert was not given wider publicity otherwise the crowd could easily have been double. Even so, the new hospital at Agashi, in whose aid it was given, must have benefited to a considerable extent from the work of all these enthusiastic amateur lovers of music.

—S. C. P.

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SUNDAY, 24th December, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All Jains, and past boarders in particular, are cordially invited to attend these celebrations at the Boarding premises.

The Pulse Of The City

DISCHARGED: Haji Jusab Kasam, a landlord of Bombay who was charged with robbery was discharged by the Presidency Magistrate Gehani at the Mazagaon Court on Tuesday. It was said by the complainan: that the accused who was on inimical terms with him pounced on him while he was cycling on Banian Road on September 18, and robbed him of Rs. 500. The Magistrate disbelieved the story and discharged the accused.

CONVICTED: A hack victoria driver was sentenced to four months R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 in default six months R.I. at the Girgaum Court on a charge of stealing ornaments valued at Rs. 1.735 from a victoria on October 2, last.

POSSESSED GANJA: Alleged to have possessed 141 tolas of ganja and 75 tolts of chavas Abdul Rahman was arrested by the Bombay Prohibition Police. He was released on bail.

GENEROUS INDEED: An unwary citizen was invited by a stranger for a drink and he accepted the offer with all his heart. The unknown man took the victim to a building at Sleater Road and preparations for the drink were made. At that time another man Babulal Damodar appeared on the scene posing as a C. I. D and questioned the object of their meeting. But however the 'police officer' agreed to hush up the case if the victim accepts to pay him Rs. 10. As the victim was about to pay the cash a resident of the building came that side and by his help Babulal was handed over to the police. The magistrate at the Girgaum court left Babulal on bail.

MORE ROADS FOR PROSPERITY

Mr. M. N. Dalal's Plea To Government

BOMBAY, Wednesday: "Not only India's prosperity, but her very survival as an independent, self-sufficient country is inextricably tied up with her system of communications. As matters stand today, facilities for transport are so unsatisfactory that not even the most optimistic of observers can find cause for complacency", observed Mr. M. N. Dalal President of the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association Limited, at its annual general meeting held here this evening.

Urging Government to tackle the important question of road development with greater honesty and energy, Mr. Dalal suggested the setting up of a Central Road Board, on the lines of the Railway Board, which should press for a minimum increase in road mileage from 250,000 to 500,000 miles.

Stressing the need for good and improved communications for the development of India's agriculture, Mr. Dalal asserted that in the final analysis "it is the acute shortage of cheap transport that is the root cause of the peasant's difficulties."

Mr. Dalal added that both in large-scale and small-scale industries, good roads are necessary for supply of raw materials, technical skill and cheap fuel and power.

Drawing a comparative picture, Mr. Dalal said that while in India for every square mile of territory there existed one-fifth of a mile of roadage, in Britain there were two miles of roadage for the same area. For every million inhabitants in the United States there were 2 500 miles, while in India for the same population there were only 90 miles of road.

The meeting adopted the annual report

Army Art Exhibition

BOMBAY, Wednesday: An Art Exhibition is scheduled to be held in Bombay from December 23 to 30, 1950 when the work of Army personnel in Bombay Area will be on display.

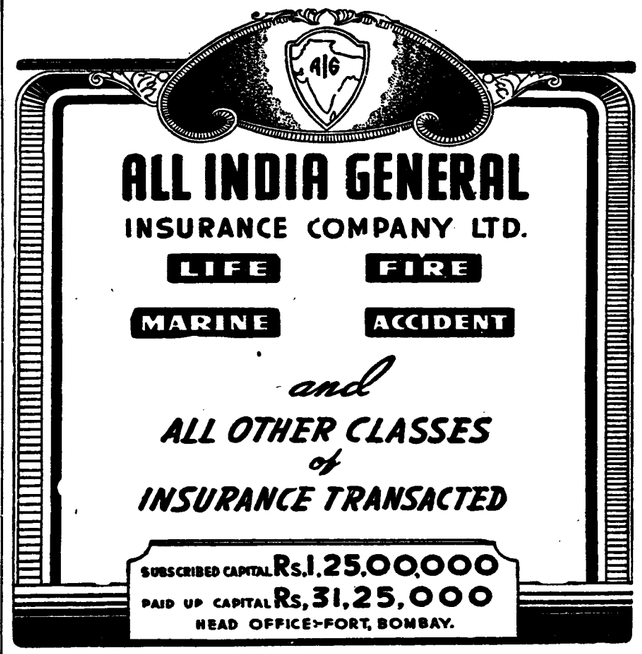
The Exhibition will be opened by Lt.-Gen. Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinhji at Bombay Sub-Area Educational Centre (immediately opposite the Military Hospital and beyond the Afghan Church, Colaba) at 10 a.m. on December 23. It will be open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Periods Of Bombay Riots

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Government of Bombay has specified the periods of the various riots in the Bombay City from 1945 to 1948

They are: for the riot of 1945 (from September 26 to October 27); for the riot of 1946 (from February 19 to July 5); for the riot of 1946-47 (from September 1, 1946 to December 31, 1947) and for the riot of 1948 (from January 1 to March 31).

Under the amended Act, the incidence of riot tax falls on such tenants only as were in actual occupation of the premises during the period or major portion of the period of the riot concerned.



AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR ELECTRIFYING VILLAGES

Good Says: Amenities For All

At a press conference he held last week, Mr. Alan B. Good, the Managing Director of Brush-ABOE, one of the largest British Diesel and Electrical Firm, gave a brief outline of the plans he had to encourage the rapid expansion of some of the electrical and irrigation projects in this country.

ABOE have for long been associated with Kirloskar and Co. in the making of various types of machinery. but Mr. Good indicated that there was scope for a great deal of expansion, and not only Kirloskar, but many others could benefit by the planned increase in production. All the machinery that is at present being manufactured by ABOE and marketed in India is fully serviced here. There is neither a shortage of parts nor a likelihood that there will be, for imports of spares of this type are freely available.

Mr. Good stressed that India's prime need at the present time was to be completely self-sufficient in food, and hoped that by 1952 the country would have attained this self-sufficiency. Outlining the history of Diesel production in England, Mr. Good said that her present position in the diesel field had been achieved by England only after 53 years, though India ought to be able to manufacture everything she needed in barely half that time.

Mr. Good has an ambitious plan for the electrification of the villages of India, and claimed that the present ruinous exodus to the cities—a thing that is hampering the "grow more food" drive—would be arrested if the villagers had the amenities of electrification. His company was planning to electrify a village near Delhi at its own cost, so as to enable the people to see the benefits of civilisation Mr. Good also stressed that the large projects that were being planned would not make redundant the electrification of villages by his method. The country was big enough to need all the power it could get. Mr. Good then gave an outline of the operations of his company in all parts of the world. laying emphasis on the fact that he was all for barter, where currency or other difficulties made other methods impractical.

Mr. Good is on a tour of the Kirloskar factory at Poona, after which he plans to visit various places all over India, to acquaint himself first-hand with industrial conditions in the country.

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THE CEASELESS SEARCH

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's call to Indian Philosophical Congress (Silver Jubilee session at Calcutta), is the old cry that the times are out of joint. He feels, and he gives expressions to that feeling with all the intensity at his command, that we must "strive to be human." And he frankly admits that it requires an effort to keep the human being in mind in this "most inhuman of all ages when we are calculating the atomic strength of different peoples". The pessimism of the philosopher is not quite well founded. At no period of known history has more attention been concentrated on the ordinary man and woman. Even in the matter of the third world war, for which Dr. Radhakrishnan says the world is rehearsing, the efforts that are being made to avert it do not betray any "intellectual listlessness." Some of the efforts may not be wise but it has to be admitted that nothing is being spared to maintain peace in the world. If they have borne little fruit so far, the reason is to be sought on the difficulties attending Government-to-Government transactions, which despite the greater humanism of Governments today are inclined to be mechanical. When we consider how much even reactionary Governments are doing for their peoples today, it becomes apparent that pessimism is misplaced.

The "solitary thinkers" to whom Dr. Radhakrishnan refers, might well shed their sense of isolation in the thought that through all its turmoil and travail the world we live in is a far more hospitable place for their ideas than anything that has preceded it. It is easier now than it ever was for philosophers to get down to earth and relate their speculations to facts. In fact, both for a pooling together of knowledge and for applying the available resources for the good of humanity conditions today are favourable, and the obstacles of little force. If yet things do not get done, it is because the human mind shrinks from the mass of matter which confronts it and to which it has itself given force, energy and direction. In so far as Dr. Radhakrishnan has asked people to free themselves from this cramping fear, his lead will be welcomed throughout the world. Much is being said of the lack of tolerance in a world which insists in "directing men not only how to act but even how to think". But little attention is being paid to the fact that very few people have any desire to think, and still less any capacity to think. This cannot be given to men and women by exhortation or legislation.

Dr. Radhakrisnam was, of course, not talking to the ordinary men and women but to the chosen band of "thinkers", the ones who "catch the sound of things growing, of roots thrusting, of bonds bursting, of young men and women shaking off their chains and striving to bring a new world into being." But to these above all, pessimism should be out place. "Well roars the storm to those who hear a deeper voice beyond the storm." Unfortunately, philosophers, at times when the world was in travail, have chosen to turn away from realities. Perhaps, it is a sign of the greater consciousness of our times that the General President of the Indian Philosophical Congress should ask his fellows to base their thinking on "positive knowledge of actuality and not on speculatives idealism."

Whilst there is no need for pessimism in the world today and positive danger that pessimism will itself paralyse thought, the need for men who will "subordinate national, racial and religious divisions to the ideal of humanity" was never greater. In a world that has been brought so close by researches into time and space that the peoples are living all on top of one another, it is essential to cast aside old prejudices and bring a fresh outlook to the new problems that confront us. It is easier said than done to achieve this because we are all burdened by the past. Dr. Radhakrishnan, with his unique experience of life in the centre of an important part of the world acquired during his ambassadorship at Moscow, has declared that, "when social organisation invaded the depths of human personality, human beings underwent a terrifying process of falsification." This observation, coming from a not unsympathetic witness of Russian ways, opens out in itself a wide field of thought. We cannot ignore the system which is spreading over vast areas of the world. And if we succumb to it, all dreams of a new world may be abandoned. The problem of how to face up to its challenge without plunging the world into war is claiming the attention of the civilised world, the politicians in the narrow margin that divides war from peace, the others in the wider sphere of peace itself.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"The best possible course, under the present circumstances, of course, would be strict neutrality. For strict neutrality could win for India the friendship of both the blocs.....

The next few months will bear out the truth of what I have been saying. Firstly, this country cannot help being involved in a third world war if it comes....."

—Shri Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia.

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A press report says the Justice Party will contest the ensuing general elections according to a resolution passed at a conference of the Party at Tiruvennamalai.

We suggest an invitation to Shri Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia to lead it too.

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The London "Times" has stressed the urgency of finding a solution for outstanding Indo-Pakistan disputes, especially the Kashmir issue, in the interests of the security of the two countries and of Asia, etc., etc.

And, of course, the British solution has long been there all ready and perfect.

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A Pakistan Government press note released from Karachi says: "Enquiries made today of the Punjab Government show that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan is in good health."

Points of view about what is his "good health" differ naturally.

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Addressing a public meeting at Chittagong, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said he was happy to find communal relations in East Pakistan had improved steadily during the year.

Our gratification is two-fold.

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Teheran: A secret session of the Persian Majlis today discussed the "kidnapping" last night of ten leaders of the pro-Communist Tudeh Party from the Central Prison—still a mystery here.

Is it really a mystery?

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Poland is reported to have protested in a strongly worded note against "the forcible ejection" of Polish Consular officials from their offices in Hamburg.

Incidentally, what had they done to need" forcible ejection?

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It appears from reports that Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader, has now followed M. Maurice Thorez, the French Communist leader, to the Soviet Union for a "rest cure".

Which "VIP" is next on the priority list?

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According to the Ankara radio, Turkey will appeal to the United Nations on behalf of Turks expelled from Bulgaria.

And the United Nations will emit a very sympathetic noise, we are sure.

Impressions Of Lake Success

BITTER TONGUE OF GENERAL WU

By Dr. P. G. Krishnayya

LAKE SUCCESS, By Air.

A FORTNIGHT ago a chunky little man with a face that tells you nothing leaned forward and addressed the United Nations Security Council.

It was the voice of Red China, speaking at the global headquarters for the first time. And it did not thunder out of the East. It just shrilled and rasped, with something of the effect of chalk scraped across a blackboard.

What Wu Hsiu-chuan said and the way he said it made his listeners wince:

"On the instructions of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China", he began, "I am here in the name of the 475,000,000 people to accuse the U.S. Government of the unlawful and criminal act of armed aggression against the territory of China...."

COURTESY LACKING

The United Nations, accustomed to the soft courtesy of Nationalist China, was appalled. Gen. Wu was present by invitation only. His Government had never been recognized by the world organization. But Wu did not behave like a guest at all.

Across the table, Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang, representing old China, covered his eyes and slumped deep in his seat as Wu arrogantly assumed prerogatives extended only to Security Council members.

Gen. Wu

He introduced a proposal (condemning the U.S.). He informed Secretary General Lie that a copy of the resolution would be available. He broke with precedent by harshly scolding the interpreter, who had mangled the last paragraph of the simultaneous English translation.

The tradition of Oriental deference splintered and vanished. In its place rose a new, tough China, aligned with the Eastern world, echoing Soviet charges in Soviet-rerounding phrases.

The Asiatic delegates were dismayed. They saw World War III moving up on the horizon. But under their genuine political horror was a thin layer of equally genuine human satisfaction. An Asiatic nation had defied the power of the U.S.

One vehemently anti-Communist diplomat observed with private glee: "The General certainly didn't act like a coolie."

COURTED WITH DESPERATION

Since then, Peking's emissary has dominated the scene at Lake Success and Flushing Meadow, his shadow looming larger as Gen. MacArthur's military campaign in Korea deteriorated. Wu Hsiu-chuan has been courted with a desperation that ignored rebuff.

India's Sir Benegal N. Rau made repeated advances before secret consultations could be arranged, Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb suggested a luncheon appointment with a casualness that approached ostentation. The Secretary General eagerly exhibited the New York skyline from the top of the United Nations' Manhattan home.

Wu was polite, close-mouthed, unbending. The bullet-shaped scar on the lower part of his left jaw was a reminder of his complex past. But in the lounge at Lake Success he remained aloof, expressionless as an ivory Buddha, hoarding his smiles for Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky and Yakob A. Malik. New York detectives bulked around him, one of them standing guard behind his chair, accompanying him even to the men's room. Photographers scrambled for pictures. Wu posed, then abrutly waved away the cameras.

A Chinese interpreter was asked to describe Wu's Hoped-accented Mandarin. Was it, for example, comparable to that of a college professor, a merchant, a farmer? The interpreter thought for a moment, finally decided, "Well, he sounds like a man from Missouri."

APPEAL THROUGH STOMACH

Then came efforts to appeal to Peking through Wu's stomach. From his Waldorf-Astoria suite the General and three of his eight aides set forth to sample international cuisine. They dined with Lie at Forest Hills, with Sir Gladwyn at Riverdale.

Terse communiques were issued from this second front. Unofficially, there were brief comments on Wu's personality. He is intelligent, said one Asian spokesman, himself regarded as the possessor of a formidable I.Q. No one contradicted him.

But other descriptions were reluctant and frequently conflicting. Wu is amiable; he is rigid. He is attentive: he is indifferent. He is poised and gracious; he is nervous and uncouth. He speaks fluent Russian; he speaks inadequate Russian. He is the boss of his mission; he looks to his No. 2 man—Chiao Kuan-hua, Secretary of the Chinese Communist Politburo—for guidance.

Wu himself appeared unperturbed. He wore a black tie, black shoes, the same black suit with broad-legged trousers that flapped as he walked. He expressed emotion only by jiggling one foot, by darting quick glances from the corners of his eyes, by resting folded arms on his thighs and swaying from side to side to some unheard rhythm.

Occasionally, he and his colleagues would be seen splurging in Manhattan drugstores. By last Thursday, Soldier Wu had acquired a diplomat's neat, black briefcase. At Lake Success, for the first time, he and his troupe took advantage of their privileges and ate in the Delegate's Restaurant.

CONTEMPT FOR TSIANG

In the Security Council, Wu lashed out at Tsiang with a contempt that made his English-speaking countryman cringe. Tsiang, said Wu, had been disowned and denounced by the Chinese people, has "no right whatsoever" to represent China.

He drew a jittery round of laughter from spectators as he added:

"I have serious doubt whether this man who spoke before me is a Chinese himself. The 475,000,000 great people of China speak a language which, it appears, he does not know."

For weeks before, the booths of the Chinese interpreters had been vacant without any complaint from the Nationalist Chinese delegations, whose members all speak English to speed up sessions. On the following day, one of them demanded that Chinese translations be resumed immediately. The interpreters, had been busy practicising the Chinese for such combinations as "American imperialism" and "U.S. aggression" hastily obliged.

SURROUNDED IN MYSTERY

The paucity of facts surrounding Wu has heightened his mystery. Kung Pusheng, the distaff side of the Red Chinese contingent, told a correspondent with some amusement: "The newspapers seem to know more about Gen. Wu than we do."

Wu, who is in his early forties, directs the Russian and Far Eastern Division of Peking's Foreign Office. He was born in Wuchang, Hopeh Province, near the city of Hankow, and is reported to have attended the Wuhan High School.

There he is said to have been influenced by a Communist teacher, Tung Piwu, who sent him to Moscow to complete his education. In 1931, Wu returned to China, a master of guerrilla tactics, assigned to the Red army. During the wars with the Nationalists and the Japanese, he rose to deputy chief of staff in the Third Army Corps.

By V-J Day, Wu was chief of staff to Gen. Lin Piao, commander of the North-east military area, and held this post until two years ago. Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese Communist state, took Wu with him to Moscow early this year for the long visit that resulted in the Sino-Soviet treaty.

So far as is known, this is Wu's first trip to the U.S. When a correspondent from India recently inquired whether the General was enjoying himself, Wu said through his personal interpreter: "I like it." He added pleasantly, "But everything will depend on the outcome."

Regulating Forward Business

Speculation is a fine art and the followers of this ancient game need a well-regulated and continuous forward market. To provide such organised markets for forward trading, Mr. Sri Prakasa, Commerce Member to the Government of India, introduced a Bill on Monday in the Parliament. The Government had prepared a draft Bill in February last which was circulated to State Governments, the Reserve Bank, Chambers of Commerce and various interested bodies with a view to elicit their views; and an expert committee was appointed later to revise the Bill. The present Bill now introduced received full consideration from all interested parties and was modified along the lines recommended by the expert committee. Under the present Constitution of the country, the responsibility for providing forward markets in the country rests with the Centre. Upto now each Provincial Government enjoyed powers to regulate such markets in its territory. There was no uniform trading in the country and several unrecognised associations carried on extensive speculative business throughout the country. Even in the big cities there were more than one market doing such business in the same produce. Existence of such markets fostered an inordinate gambling mania in the country. Professional speculators used these markets as a medium to mint money and the bonafide trade suffered considerably. There was no check and reckless speculation continued in Cotton, Bullion, Yarn, Cloth, Jute, Pepper, Cloves, Metals and Camphor. It is true that such markets have a legitimate place in the present economic structure and naturally they must be well-regulated.

The present Bill is applicable to forward contracts, other than non-transferable specific delivery contracts. The Government will notify from time to time, as conditions require the application of the Bill to different areas and different classes of goods. All forward contracts will be allowed within the rules, regulations and bye-laws of a recognised association. Under the provisions of the Bill, the Government will have power to direct any recognised association to amend its rules and bye-laws, to accept one representative of the Central Government and not more than three persons representing interests not directly represented through membership of the association as member or members of the governing body of such association. This system of appointing Government nominees on the Board of Directors or the Managing body has been tried by the Bombay Government but no useful purpose is served. The Government is well aware of the famous cotton case where a large number of members were charged with doing unauthorised business. The Bombay Government had to replace by their nominees the entire Board of the local Bullion Exchange. Moreover, on the basis of democracy, such nominees have no place. The entire association must have the power to elect its own members on the governing body. There is another consideration: The appointment of Government nominees will give a sense of security and honest dealing to traders. Does not this provision increase the responsibility of the Government and will the Government provide a guarantee of such confidence in traders?

The proposed Bill empowers the Government to appoint a commission to be called "The Forward Markets Commission" with a view to assist the Government in implementing the Bill. This Commission is expected to assist the Government in co-ordinating the action taken and the policies pursued by the various authorities to whom the Central Government may have to delegate some of the powers conferred upon it by this Act. We believe that the Forward Markets Commission will be useful only if the right type of people are appointed on it. We have often laid stress on the importance of having a permanent Commission to supervise and watch over the actions of recognised associations and particularly activities of professional operators who with a view to become millionaires misuse the facilities provided for forward trading and reduce markets to gambling dens. The Bill is a constructive step to help both producers and industrialists and at the same time to regulate trades in the country.

Transactions in Share Bazars are excluded from the provision of this Bill. Exchange of shares and securities has a direct bearing on the money market and thus share bazars are taken as the financial barometer of a country. Easy methods of converting investments of shares and securities into cash help to make capital readily available for the industrial development of the country. Thus the Government has done well in excluding forward trading in shares from this Bill. The Bill prohibits options in goods. There was a time when options dealings, commonly known as "tejimandi" transactions served a useful purpose, as by paying a small amount of premium, big risks involved in forward transactions were insured. But operators misused the facilities provided by options business and now they have no place in well-regulated markets. Such options transactions are still being done in this country on a large scale and the Government will have to take sufficient care before granting recognition to associations which do such transactions. It is difficult to find out the culprits, as members, who are directly doing such illegal business, adopt methods that are beyond detection.

The proposed Bill is most necessary to provide economic stability and to discourage the gambling mania.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Only Way Out

According to the latest report, the seige of Biratnagar by Nepali Congress insurgents, which started some weeks back still continues. Two hundred Gurkha soldiers are manning the beleagured residence of the Governor who has rejected the insurgents' call to surrender. He expects to hold out until reinforcements which are on their way from Khatmandu arrive to raise the seige. We dare say he will succeed, even though reports suggest Congress preparations for an imminent storming of his residence. But that is not the point. This seige, together with reports of insurgent raids and attacks —sometimes ending in capture—on towns and district headquarters in almost every territorial zone of Nepal, is an unmistakable demonstration of the significant fact that first, the revolt that broke out after the flight of the King of Nepal has not actually been suppressed, secondly that the spirit of rebellion against the autocracy of the Rana dynasty is widespread, and finally, that it commands resources that are adequate for enabling that spirit to be expressed in anti-Rana quasi-military activity. It is clear that this spirit cannot be conquered except by a sort of military occupation of every nook and corner of Nepal. And that is a sheer impossibility. The only lesson to be learned from the situation—if, that is, the ruling Ranas are wise —is that there is no way out of the crisis which is facing Nepal and more so the Rana dynasty itself, except the compromise suggested by the Government of India to the mission that had recently visited New Delhi on behalf of the Government of India.

Unity Is Needed

We are glad to learn from a New Delhi report that apropos of a recent statement of the Congress General Secretary, Mr. Kala Venkata Rau pronouncing the Democratic Front as unconstitutional, the Congress President has described it as only the personal opinion of the former. As to the actual position Shri Purshottamdas Tandon has informed the General Secretary of the Democratic Front, Mr. Sadiq Ali, that "the Congress Working Committee have come to no decision yet on the constitutional aspect of the formation of the Democratic Front.". What is more gratifying and welcome is the Congress President's additional remark that the Working Committee "attached more importance to the larger issues regarding which I have written to Acharya Kripalani in my letter to him." It is the larger issues which have mainly forced the formation of a Democratic Front and, in other instances, the actual secession from the Congress of several prominent Congress veterans, which need to be attended to in a spirit of compromise. For, the malaise that the Congress has been suffering from for some time needs a remedy which must be unification rather than disruption. The death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel renders the need for rallying together all good and genuine Congressmen even more urgent and critical in the interests of the very existence of the organisation.

Better Theatres

It is well that the city corporation turned down the Socialist suggestion to Municipalise cinema theatres and take over their management because, firstly, the Corporation has enough things to do without taking more responsibilities on its shoulders and, secondly, it is doubtful whether that body is competent enough to do the job. It is just like asking the Municipality to take over publication of books and newspapers. Though it may add money to Municipal coffers, it is doubtful whether the Corporation would be able to do the job better and cater to all tastes because it is likely that their selection of films will reflect only the taste of majority of city fathers, which on average cannot be said to be very high. Not that the present set of exhibitors are selecting with discrimination for they depend on supply of films from film campanies and distributors they have contracts with. Unless there has been a public agitation against a film, it not rejected. They were not even exhibiting any educational and informative shorts till the Government recently forced them to do so. But with a certain amount of competition among the exhibitors, we at least get a variety in filmfare which would be absent in Municipal-managed theatres. The best thing the city fathers can do is to provide a good Municipal theatre in a central locality where both amateurs and professionals can stage plays and where films of cultural and aesthetic value, which do not find place in other theatres, can be exhibited. In addition to that, they could offer awards to the best film and play of the year. That should be enough inducement for producers to try and produce better films and plays.

Adulterated Milk

Though it is common knowledge the milk supply in Bombay is adulterated, very few know to what extent it is being done. According to the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. B. K. Patel, out of 7147 private milk shops in the city 2053 were found selling adultered milk. We feel that it is a very conservative estimate. The milk-vendor has been left alone to cheat the public for such a long time that he has almost come to consider that adding water to milk is his right and privilege. The Government proposal to make adulteration of milk a criminal offence is meeting with stiff opposition from the trade.

As the old verse runs,

Little drops of water
In the milkman's milk,
Make the milkman's daughter
clothe herself in silk.

So far no serious attempt had been made to test milk or check adulteration but with the Government of Bombay starting their own milk scheme, the department concerned is taking more interest because it does not only supply milk but has become the biggest buyer in the milk market. The demand for milk from the Government centres is growing day by day and the Aarey Coloney and supplies from Anand are not able to cope up with the required quantity. Naturally the Government cannot buy adulterated milk and pass it on as pure to the public. Unless it can check adulteration, the very purpose of the scheme will be defeated. The public will support whole-heartedly any measures to prevent adulteration of milk and punish the culprits.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Prabhat Colony

It will surprise many of your readers to know that the Greater Bombay Corporation is entitled to have jurisdiction over an area known as the Town Planning Scheme No. V in the Santa Cruz East area while disclaiming any civic liablity to fulfil any obligations for the supply of water, road, street lights, sanitation etc.

The north-east of Santa Cruz is such an area which came under the dubious T.P.S. No. V as long ago as 1921 and for 30 years is without a single civic amenity. When the Greater Bombay Corporation came into being it was hoped things will improve; but it now transpires that this local body is trying to wash its hands of it under one pretext or another and is totally unwilling to father it. The area is constituted of over fifty bungalows and numerous chawls inhabited by about 5000 people, including 3000, refugees. At present its civic status is that of 'No Man's Land' for the sanitation and civic amenities of which no body wants to be responsible. Appeals and conferences by the landlords with the hide-bound executives brought the reply that the area may wait for civic amenities even for 20 years but that the local civic body, the great Greater Bombay Corporation, is not going to spend a pie towards such things firstly because it is not their responsibility and secondly because the Corporation has no money.

Will the Arbitrator of the T. P. Scheme, the Director of Publicity or the Municipal Corporation oblige the public as to what they propose to do in this direction and find a way to augment the essential civil amenities in this area.

—A. PRABHAT COLONIST

Why Not Hindi Mahasabha?

Under the Indian Constitution adopted by The Constituent Assembly, India (i.e. Bharat) is a Secular State. The constitution cannot therefore recognise or support any one particular religion although a majority of the people profess it. Although the Hindu Mahasabha professes to be liberal in its outlook and is prepared to safeguard the interest of all non-Hindu communities in India, so long as it is called Hindu Mahasabha, its opponents will treat it as a communal body, and it will be difficult for its members to convince all that it is not so. In fact its very name makes it easy for its opponents to create an impression in other countries that it is a communal body wishing to establish Hindu domination. On the other hand it is absolutely impossible for the Hindu Mahasabha as such to do any propaganda to counteract this impression, with the result that the organisation continues to be looked upon as parochial because it is known as Hindu Mahasabha.

At the present moment it is recognised by all that there is an urgent need of having a strong party in opposition to the party in power. If the present state of affairs is to improve every effort must be made to put up at the next general election only such candidates as are not self-seeking, have the real good of the country at their heart, and are prepared to fight against nepotism, corruption, black market, etc. which have eaten into the body politic at present.

In order to provide a platform for all such people, outside the Congress ranks to fight the next election the Hindu Mahasabha should take a bold step to convert itself into a HINDI Mahasabha (I.E. AN ASSEMBLY OF ALL INDIANS) to make it possible for all irrespective of religion or community to become its members to secure the common object of having a strong and influential opposition to the Congress. If this is done it will be difficult-nay impossible to paint such a body as a communal organisation because its membership will cover persons of different religions and communities.

—GOVINDRAO DESAI

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SELECTED SCHEMES TO BE TACKLED

Planning Commission's "Pilot Project"

MADRAS, Dec. 20. (PTI): The Central Planning Commission has under consideration a "pilot project" to concentrate development schemes in certain selected areas and assess the utility of the schemes, PTI officially learnt here today.

This will enable the commission to rectify any short-coming experienced in the working of the schemes while overall development plans are drawn up.

According to an official spokesman here, the Madras Government have provisionally consented to the proposal which would give them an idea of the usefulness of their schemes.

The proposal is to select certain areas in which the state governments, with the co-operation of the local public, would undertake schemes for doubling existing level of production in respect of food, clothing and cottage industries. The best technical staff would be made available and perfect co-ordination of the various schemes ensured.

After a specified period, an "achievement audit" would be conducted. Difficulties experienced in the working of the schemes would be taken into account and development schemes modified when rural development programmes are drawn on a country-wide scale.

In the Madras state, two "firkas", one in Andhra and another in Tamil Nad, where intensive rural development schemes are under way, are likely to be selected for the experiment.

OF ALL THINGS

Smashing Of Atoms

NO OTHER half-century in history has seen so revolutionary a transformation in man's view of the physical universe as the one about to end. Credit for this "revolution" ought to go to a band of scientists, belonging to different lands and of different cultures, who have made it their job to know more about the fundamental construction of the atom.

The study of physics has advanced rapidly from 1900 to 1950. The predictions of ancient Greek philosophers and the dreams of alchemists appear to be coming true.

Physicists all over the world—whether they are working on mountain tops or in underground tunnels—are attempting to study the phenomenon of the cosmic rays, which rain down upon the earth in showers from outer space and contain particles of enormous energies causing nuclear disintegrations. Nature, using tremendous energies, is constantly smashing atoms.

On the track of new laws of force, which vary from the law of gravity, the scientists have invented several devices to ferret out the secrets of the cosmic rays. Rockets are fired more than 65 miles above the earth. Giant balloons, fitted with modern apparatus and delicate recording instruments, are sent up in the air.

Cosmic rays create in the upper atmosphere particles called mesons. It is these mesons which lend the rays their penetrating power.

The main problem of the scientists today is the study of mesons.

Some of the mesons, scientists have calculated, have energies greater than one million electron-volts. According to them it is "mesonic forces" which bind the nuetrons and protons together in the nucleus.

A simple apparatus was used by Prof. C. F. Powell, who was awarded the 1950 Nobel Prize for physics, to study the movements of the mesons. It was a photographic plate coated with special emulsion. When a meson enters the nucleus of an atom in the emulsion, the uncleus flies into fragments. Disintegration is registered in the emulsion in the form of tracks. Says Prof. Powell: "To us, these tracks are rather like those which animals leave in the snow".

Scientists all over the world are concentrating all their energies in the cosmic ray research. Science is marching on.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

From anger in its full import, protracted into malevolence, and exerted in revenge, arise indeed, many of the evils to which the life of man is exposed.

—DR. JOHNSON.

FUTURE OF W. UNION DEFENCE BODY

Five Nations Decide On Reorganisation

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter).

THE WESTERN UNION Defence organisation is be reorganised following yesterday's moves to establish a North Atlantic Pact army.

This decision was taken today by the Foreign Ministers of the five Brussels Pact signatories—Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

But in announcing the decision the Foreign Ministers said the reorganisation would in no way affect the obligations which the five countries have undertaken in virtue of the Brussels treaty."

Their communique gives no indication how it was proposed to reorganise the Western Union defence system now under Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. The meeting of the Foreign Ministers was their tenth as the Western Union Consultative Council.

A Western Union spokesman said later "Western Union as it has so far existed must disappear or be merged completely into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

SPADE WORK

The Generals would decide details of the merger, the spokesman said. Western Union can no longer go on planning by itself. All the spade work done by Western Union has been made available to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and they have found it very "useful".

The five delegates also read in secret a draft of identical British and French replies to the Soviet notes on German rearmament.

The Foreign Ministers were meeting for tenth time as the Western Union Consultative Council.

BIG-THREE REPLY TO RUSSIAN PROPOSAL

The Big 'Three' reply to the Russian proposal for a Four-Power conference on Germany will be handed in at the Soviet Foreign Office on Friday, usually reliable sources said here today.

It will take the form of identical notes delivered by the British, French and American Embassies in Moscow.

Diplomatic sources here understood they do not flatly turn down the Russian suggestion but propose a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers' Deputies first to work out an agenda.

There was no question of the Western Powers being willing to discuss only demilitarisation of Germany.

U.S. DEFENCE LINE

NEW YORK: Republican ex-President, Herbert Hoover, declared tonight Western Europe must create and equip "huge numbers" of fighting divisions of its own, "before we land another man or another dollar on their shores".

Declaring that the efforts and sacrifices of the United States to achieve the unity of Western Europe had so far failed, Mr. Hoover said America's defence line must be the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, not the continents of Europe or Asia.

"Any attempt to make war on the communist mass by land invasion through the quicksands of China, India, or Western Europe would be sheed folly", he said in a prepared radio address.

Nafisul Hasan, New Speaker Of U.P. Assembly

LUCKNOW, Dec. 20 (PTI).—Mr. M. Nafisul Hasan, Deputy Speaker in the U.P. Legislative Assembly will be declared elected Speaker of the House tomorrow.

No other nomination was filed today, the date fixed for filing of nomination paper.

Mr. Nafisul Hasan's name was proposed by Congress President Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon and seconded by Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Chief Minister, U.P.

600 DACOITS BROUGHT TO BOOK

More than 600 notorious dacoits in Uttar Pradesh including 300 for whom arrest prizes were announced have been brought to book during the last 22 months.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Minister for Police and Transport disclosed this during question hour in the U.P. Legislative Assembly today.

'Only Party Which Can Deliver Goods'

HALDWANI, Dec. 20 (PTI).—Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the Socialist leader today called upon the people to take advantage of adult franchise and return the Socialist Party to power in the next general election. "It is the only party which can deliver the goods to the people", he said.

Stop Press

Under the orders of the Calcutta High Court a number of communists have just been released. The most prominent of these communists are Mr. Jyoti Bose, MLA and Mr. Indrajit Gupta.

BENGAL MOURNS DEATH OF SARDAR

(From Our Correspondent)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

The news of Sardar Patel's death in Bombay cast a gloom over the city and though Bengtlees' acquaintance with the great Sardar has been very intimate yet they have regarded him as a strong man of action. Some of the very local newspapers came out with streamer headlines describing the Sardar as the 'Iron man of India'. But non-Bengalees of Calcutta have been very much moved and they brought out processions mourning the death of the great Politician. Cinema houses and theatres, besides schools and colleges were closed.

FOOD POSITION

The food shortage of the Province still continues and the Governments' policy in regard to procurement seems rather unsatisfactory. The Government of India have promised help and it is hoped that the local Government will make the best of a bad job. But it is clear that the local Government in order to make the industrial population happy have appropriated much land for the cultivation of jute. The Government have also been making a profit on the rationed rice and has made the situation difficult for the ordinary consumer. Put there is something to be said in favour of the Government as well. More than 60 lakhs of refugees have by now arrived in West Bengal and the Government have to feed the population.

DEEP SEA FISHING

The Government of West Bengal are busy making a new experiment on deep sea fishing. For sometimes in the past they had employed some Danish Experts to survey coast of West Bngal. On the advice of these Danish experts Mr. S. K. Dey, I.C.S. had proceeded to Denmark to buy some fishing trawlers and two or these trawlers nave just arrived. These two trawlers now named as Sagarika and Baruna will respectively catch 64 tons and 45 tons of fish.

The headquarters of this Fishery Department is fixed at Diamond Harbour and under the instructions of Danish Experts the two trawlers have just started functioning.

ADDRESSES TO SARDAR TO BE PRESERVED

Work Of Navjivan Press

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20 (PTI): The caskets and addresses presented to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel during his life time will be preserved in the building of the Navjivan Press, which Sardar Patel opened during his last visit to Ahmedabad at end of October, it is learnt.

This decision was taken in Delhi in consultation with Sardar Patel a month ago.

Mr. Jivanji Desai, Managing Trustee of the Navjivan Press, who proceeded to Bombay to take part in the funeral of Sardar Patel has brought with him the caskets and addresses kept at the Bombay residence of Sardar Patel. The caskets and addresses kept in Delhi will be brought here shortly.

The Navjivan Trust, of which Sardar Patel was president has already published the first volume of his biography in Gujerati and will publish other literature pertaining to Sardar Patel including the notes of his speeches written by Miss Maniben Patel.

Immersion Of Sardar's Last Remains

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20: The Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee has received a telegram from Mr. Kaniyalal Desai, President of the G.P.C.C. from Delhi stating that the immersion ceremony of Sardar Patel's ashes will now take place at Prayag in Allahabad. The ceremony will be official. Public meetings will be held all over India on the same evening.

A portion of the Sardar's ashes has been brought to Karamsad, the birth place of Sardar, Surat, Baroda and Ahmedabad.

LAST RITES

NEW DELHI: The "asthi" immersion ceremony connected with the last rites of Sardar Patel will take place at the Triveni Sangam at Prayag on December 29, at about noon.

Mr. Dayabhai Patel will leave Bombay with the Urn containing the 'asthi' on December 27 by the Saurashtra Express arriving at Ahmedabad the same evening. He will leave Ahmedabad by air the next morning (December 28) for Delhi. From Delhi, the 'asthi' will be taken by an afternoon train the same day so as to reach Allahabad on the morning of December 29.

Requests have been received from various places for the distribution of the ashes for simultaneous immersion ceremony throughout India.

Mr. Dayabhai Patel and Miss Maniben Patel regret that they are unable to comply with these requests in difference to Sardar Patel's wishes expressed in another connection.

STRIKE THREAT IN CEYLON

Tea Workers' Demand

COLOMBO, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): A threatened three-day token strike by nearly 700,000 workers, mostly Indians, on Ceylon tea and rubber estates will be discussed at a meeting of three trade unions called by the Labour Ministry, its spokesman said today.

The strike will begin next Tuesday, the three trade unions involved have announced, unless 17 demands made by them are "satisfactorily considered".

The demands include a basic wage of one rupee 25 cents a day, provident fund facilities, old age pensions negotiating machinery for settlement of disputes and recognition of all registered trade unions.

The unions making the demands are the Ceylon workers' Congress (formerly known as Ceylon Indian Congress Labour Union.) The Ceylon plantation workers' union and the All Ceylon Estates workers' Union.

CITY CIVIL COURT ACT HELD VALID

Supreme Court's Ruling

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI).

The Supreme Court today unanimously ruled as valid the provision of the Bombay City Civil Court Act which has enhanced the pecuniary jurisdiction of the city civil court from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 25,000.

The Supreme Court pronounced judgment in the appeal of the Bombay Government against the decision of the Bombay High Court which held the provision void on the grounds that amounted to a delegation of legislative powers by the provincial legislature to the State government.

The court also rejected the contention of the opposite party that the Act amounted to overlapping between the central and provincial subjects and that the Act was beyond the competence of the provincial legislature.

The court held that a "wider construction of Entry 1. would deprive Entry 2. of all its contents and reduce it to a useless lumber".

The Court was of the opinion that "the administration of justice and constitution and organisation of courts occurring in Entry 1. must be understood in a restricted sense excluding from their scope jurisdiction and powers of courts dealt with specifically in Entry (2)".

The Court declared that the Act was "full and complete when it left the legislative chamber permitting the provincial government to increase the pecuniary jurisdiction of the city court up to a certain amount which was specified in the statute itself".

FIVE MEN DROWNED

GAUHATI, Dec. 20, (PTI): Five persons—one Assam Rifles man and four tribals—were drowned on Sunday when their boat capsized at Nizamghat while crossing the river Debang to Dumbuk.

Saugor University Convocation

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 20.

The convocation address of the Saugor University has been postponed from December 25th to January 15 owing to the death of Sardar Patel.

Cloth Prices Up

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well above their actual prices. For instance, the tender for white "dostuti", whose reserve price is between 12 to 14 annas, quotes the price of Rs. 1/5/6 which marks an increase of well over 50 percent—while the cloth itself is being offered in the market for Rs. 1/10/6. The price of disposal "duck", too, has similarly gone up.

Merchants here seem to hold the opinion that unless Government took steps to neutralise the activities of those mills which successfully evaded their directions and direct them to earmark their free sales, which amount to 33 percent of their production, for consumption in the Indian market, the situation in respect of Indian textiles would not register any improvement.

CEILING ON CLOTH EXPORT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

After a further review of the position regarding internal supplies and overseas demands, the Government of India have now decided that the total quantity of cloth for which export licences will issue for shipment to hard currency countries during the period January-June 1951 will be limited to 20 million yards making a total export quota for coarse and medium varieties of 120 million yards for the half year in question.

It will be recalled that the Government had earlier announced that the export quota for coarse and medium cloth for soft currency countries would be 100 million yards while exports to hard currency countries will continue to be freely licensed.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20

Previous closing	43.00
Today's opening	43.15
Difference	+15
Today's closing	42.59
Difference	—41

They Still Help Assam

	Amount Rs.
Upto 15-12-50	39,41.095-2-11
ASSAM	2,398- 0- 0
BIHAR	1,161- 4- 0
BOMBAY	1,161- 0- 0
BOMBAY	4,814- 7- 0
DELHI	38- 0- 0
JAMMU & KASHMIR	25- 0- 0
Grand Total:	39,49,531-13-11

RANTALAI DISASTER EXPLAINED

Official Communique

CUTTACK, Dec. 20 (PTI): The Orissa Government issued a communique today on the Rantalai disaster declaring that "a large number of deaths" had taken place but it had no estimates of the number of deaths.

The communique stated: "Cholera broke out on December 14 with a few cases appearing in Rantalai village. Soon the epidemic grew in virulence and spread to neighbouring villages along the route from Rantalai to the railheads of Talcher and Meramandali, from where the visitors have been returning to their homes. The cases were confined to these visitors who must have all got infection from the same source in Rantalai where it was obviously imported".

"A large number of deaths have already taken place. The explanation for this lies in the fact that the small village of Rantalai had to face conditions of acute overcrowding and congestion lasting more than four months, and the majority of the visitors were persons with low vitality, suffering from different diseases. Many of them had come on foot travelling more than fifteen days at a stretch".

STATE FOOD

The communique said the tremendous rush of visitors lasting more than four months naturally made the supplies in Rantalai and its neighbourhood scarce and expensive, and most of the visitors, particularly the poorer among them, had to eat stale or any kind of cheap food they could get. Many of the visitors were suffering from serious diseases and were really on their last legs.

The communique then referred to the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation including the rushing of medical aid to the affected areas immediately on the outbreak of the epidemic and said: "Precautionary measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the epidemic to Cuttack, Puri and the towns which have not been affected by the epidemic. The situation is well under control".

The Chief Minister of Orissa, Mr. Nabakrushna Chaudhuri, returned here this morning after a four-day tour of all the centres of Dhenkanal and Sambalpur District where the effects of Rantalai disaster were felt most.

He declined to say anything on the situation in the districts but remarked: "Even today I found ten bodies lying on the roadside between Angul and here".

GANDHI MEMORIAL TRUST CHAIRMAN

Mavlankar Elected

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI): Mr. G. V. Mavalkar and Mr. Devadas Gandhi have been elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Gndhi Memorial Trust. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari has been appointed one of the trustees.

The elections were held on Sunday when the trustees met to condole the death of Sardar Patel who was a prominent member of the board of the Gandhi Memorial Trust.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who was the previous Chairman of the trust, had resigned on his appointment as President of India.

Nehru Felicitates Stalin

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

The Prime Minister has sent a message of felicitations to Generalissimo Stalin on his birthday which falls on December 21. The translation of the message, which is in Hindi, is given below:

"On my own behalf and on behalf of my country I offer Your Excellency felicitations on your birthday and hope that you will accept the same."

Acute Foodgrains Shortage

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20: Halol town in the Panchmahals is experiencing acute food shortage and since December 13 no foodgrains have been distributed through ration shops, it is learnt here. Two shops run by the Purchase and Sales Union where 4,000 ration cards have been registered have only two days stock of grains. The Union officials have intimated to the Collector about the situation. It is feared that if the stock is not received in time, the shops may have to be closed down.

No Compulsion On Buyers By Cloth Dealers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Cotton cloth dealers in the State of Bombay are informed that a notification is being issued amending the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order, 1949 to the effect that when a person requires cloth of a particular description, which is in the possession of a dealer in the course of his business, the dealer or his employee shall not impose a condition that the buyer shall in addition to the cloth required by him, buy cloth of some other description. The amended provision will make the imposition of such a condition an offence under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order, 1949.

RAJAJI CALLS FOR

Unceasing Endeavour To Build The Nation

LUCKNOW, Dec. 20, (PTI).

MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARI, Minister without Portfolio, Government of India, today called for unceasing endeavour from the youth in India to build up the nation, which, he said, should follow the liberation of the country from foreign bondage.

The Minister, who was delivering the convocation address at Lucknow University, paid homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and said: "What shall remain in the lasting memory of his people is the work he did. May that work yield abundant fruit so that the people he loved may live in peace and prosper."

Mr. Rajagopalachari in his twenty-minute address, which has listened to with rapt attention by a large audience including Pandit Govind Ballah Pant, Chief Minister, Acharya Narendra Deva, Vice Chancellor of the University, and Ministers of the U. P. Cabinet, referred to the defects in the methods of education and said: "We should not destroy that which had been built and that which has come to be in a particular shape or from unless we fell sure that we can adequately replace without less of time what we decided to break up."

NOT TOO MANY LECTURES

Mr. Rajagopalachari said, "if we increase the amount of currency in circulation it's purchasing power goes down. In the same way, too many exhortations result in words losing meaning and value. The best address to outgoing students is contained in the brief address by the guru to his disciple in an old Upanished.

"What has been read and listened to in the universities will blossom into fuller meaning when the young men have seen more of life. Even the meaning of history and literature will unfold itself only with maturer experience.

ELASTIC SCHEMES

"Home life and social environment differ greatly. What is needed to supplement them must, therefore, also differ. We have to provide sufficiently elastic schemes for education so that the children of labourers and peasants and boys of more fortunate groups may both receive fair and fruitful treatment. The basic principle of education through tangible realities has not been sufficiently kept in mind. Premature dealing with words and written symbols is harmful. Elementary science, i.e., the eternal laws of nature should be taught in the earliest stages and through oral guidance in creative work and observation and play before the child is drilled in reading and writing.

The universities are the training centres for leadership in all walks of life. Habits of clear thinking and correct judgment must be developed alongside of automatic self-restraint. The twin objectives of universities should be to instil character and furnish at the same time an efficient mental apparatus. The main task is the nurturing of the inner law which should be substituted for external restraint.

"Young men should not give way to anxiety and agitation about their own future. This does not help but only hinders. University culture must develop in them an unconcern which is not indolence but is courage in the highest sense."

TRIBUTES TO SARDAR

Earlier, Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "Sardar's clarity of judgment, firmness of purpose, organising talent and energetic patriotism are all well-known and publicly appreciated. But I have known him intimately these 32 years and can add to these qualities something not generally known. Behind his rough and blunt exterior, there was an almost womanly quality of affection and staunchness. He gave, as well as demanded, unswerving affection from those who worked with him. Again when dealing with men, after the public purpose was accomplished, he displayed fatherly generosity. The princes of India can bear testimony to this and that is why they feel one and all as sad as the leaders of the people. Young men assembled here, it is greater still to combine it with an affectionate heart."

Air Crash Victims

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the United Planters Association at Coonoor, to dispose of the four bodies of British passengers, who died in the air crash near Kil Kotagiri.

Mr. Robert Rossow, Acting American Consul-General in Madras has telegraphed the Collector of Nilgiris to make every possible effort to identify the bodies of two American passengers conclusively and to dispose them in any way he thought desirable. Mr. Rossow has also requested the Collector to hand over to the American Consul-General the personal effects of the two passengers.

Mr. Rossow said that he would get in touch with the families of the deceased in America about the disposal of the ashes and personal effects of the passengers.

The Maharaja of Bhavanagar Governor of Madras in a message sent to the Air India on the disaster said: "I am greatly distressed to hear the news of the accident to your plane in the Nilgiris involving the death of the passengers and the crew. Kindly accept my sincerest condolences and heart-felt sympatny and please convey them also to the relatives and friends of the deceased in this terrible disaster".

NEW DELHI: President Rajendra Prasad has sent a condolence message to the relatives and next of kin of the persons who died in the air crash in the Nilgiris on December 13.

BALLOT BOXES FOR ELECTIONS

Samples Examined

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

The Election Commission has received and examined several models of ballot boxes produced by different manufacturers for use during the forthcoming general elections. The Commission has approved of some, and rejected the others as unsuitable.

In order that orders may be placed for ballot boxes by the State Governments as early as possible, the Commission has decided not to entertain any sample box submitted to it for approval after December 31, 1950.

INDO-BRITISH AIR TALKS AGAIN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI): Indo-British air talks, calculated to have a longterm air agreement between the two countries, are scheduled to begin in Delhi on January 10, it is learnt.

A British delegation headed by Sir George Cribbett, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, UK, is expected to arrive here early in January.

The air talks between the two countries held last in July 1949 had failed to lead to an agreement on all points. The most outstanding point of difference was in regard to the capacity of services to be operated. An air transport agreement was not, therefore, signed then but there was an exchange of letters incorporating a temporary arrangement to cover the operation of the Indian and United Kingdom air lines between the two countries.

Truman's Xmas Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter).—President Truman expressed the hope today that in the next year the world would come closer to realising its "ultimate dream of liberty, justice and freedom."

He told the American armed forces in a Christmas message: "This Christmas finds many thousands of you abroad, far from loved ones and the close ties and relationships which add to the spirit and warmth of the holiday season."

SUGAR MEN THREATEN TO STRIKE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 20 (PTI): The Executive Committee of the U.P. and Bihar Chini Mill Mazdoor Federation claiming a membership of 60,000 workers in 70 sugar factories in U.P., has threatened a general strike from January 15 next if the Government does not accede to the demands of the Federation by December 31.

A strike ballot will be held on January 1.

The main demands of the federation are: minimum basic wage at Rs. 30 p.m., and dearness allowance of 2-1/2 annas per month per point of increase in the price index over that in 1939, replacement of the representatives of the defeated INTUC Federation on various committees and conciliation boards; reinstation of victimised workers, and appointment of a High Court Judge to examine the cases of breach of Government orders.

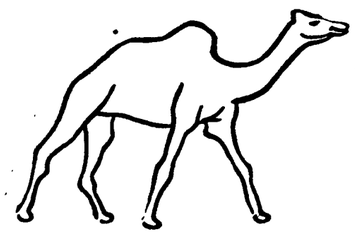
Mr. Shibbanlal Saksena, M.P. and Secretary of the Federation, has urged the Government to avert the contemplated strike by immediate action on the recommendation of the Tariff Board.

Price Index Declines

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI): The official wholesale price index at 412.8 (with the year ended August 9, 1939 as 100) indicated a decline of 0.3 per cent during the week ended December 9, 1950. The index was higher by 0.4 and 8.2 per cent compared to the corresponding weeks of last month and last year respectively.

"MILK"

Licences for maintaining milch animals issued under the Bombay Cattle Control Order 1949 to cattleowners in Bombay City and 47 villages in Thana District expired on 14th October 1950 and in the press note dated 27th September 1950 appearing in local newspapers the above cattleowners were requested to have their licences renewed in time. A number of cattleowners have not however yet applied for renewal. The date for renewal of these licences is now extended up to 31st December 1950. A cattleowner who keeps his cattle in the above area without a valid licence will be prosecuted after the expiry of the extension period.



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'Varsities Sports Commence

MISS BANOO GUZDAR OUTSTANDING

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 20 (PTI): The Tenth All-India Inter-Varsities Sports meet commenced here today on the emerald green sward of the Muir Central College, in fine weather. 21 universities, including Ceylon are represented for the three-day meet, but Calcutta University is not participating.

As an innovation, a separate meet for women athletes has been introduced. As many as 40 women from seven universities of India are taking part in the contests.

The meet opened with a colourful march past of 20 teams led by the Ceylon team. The other teams, Aligarh, Andhra, Agra, Banaras, Baroda, Bombay, Delhi, East Punjab, Karnatak, Lucknow, Madras, Mysore, Nagpur, Osmania, Patna, Poona, Rajputana, Sagar, Utkal and Allahabad.

After the march past, one-minute silence was observed in memory of the departed leader, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whom Prof. S. K. Rudra, President of the Allahabad University Athletic Association described as a "great warrior in the battle for securing the freedom of India.

Mr. B. Mullick, Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, declared open the meet in view of the unavoidable absence of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Premier of U.P., simultaneously six pigeons were released to symbolise the purity and strength of the meet.

The following are results of some of final events:—

MEN'S EVENTS

HAMMER THROW (FINAL). Roberts (Mysore) 1, Chamanlal (East Punjab) 2, Shiraz (Madras) 3. Distance 109 feet.

HOP STEP AND JUMP (FINAL): R. H. Rebello (Madras) 1, Ganeshan (Mysore) 2, L. Metzeling (Ceylon) 3. Distance 46 ft. 11 1/2 inches.

5,000 METRES RACE (FINAL):—Hasbi (Karnatak) 1, Vaidya (Poona) 2, Rame Gowda (Mysore) 3.

Time: 16 mins. 33.3 secs.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

BROAD JUMP (FINALS): Miss Banu Gazdar (Bombay) 1, Miss Kavshalya (East Punjab) 2, Miss Malti Chopra (East Punjab) 3. Distance 15 feet.

JAVELINE THROW (FINAL): Miss Bano Gazdar (Bombay) 1, Miss Ved Singha (East Punjab) 3. Distance 69 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Rajasthan Held To A Draw

DURAND CUP SOCCER

NEW DELHI Dec. 20. (PTI).

Despite extra time, Indian Air Force held Rajasthan Club, Calcutta, to a one-all draw in the first round of the Durand Football Tournament today.

SARDAR PATEL WAS ALSO A SPORTSMAN

INDORE Dec. 20. (PTI).

"Every body knows Sardar Patel as an administrator, politician, patriot, and consoldator of India, but very few know what a great sportsman and lover of sports the greater Sardar Patel was", observed Col. C. K. Nayudu, the peteran cr.cketer, here this morning.

The passing of Sardar Patel was a great loss to India and to the Holkar Cricket Association in particular, because it was due to him that the association received a sum of Rs. 15,000 grant-iniaid from the Madhya Bharat Government. Col. Nayudu said.

Giving his impressions, Col. Nayudu said: "I found Sardar Patel more interested in cricket than even politics. He could discuss even the very minute details of the art of the game. May his soul rest in peace".

LATE RECOVERY BY INDIAN SIDE

Second Match Also Ends In Victory

NAIROBI, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter). It was not until midway through the second half of the second match of their East African tour that the All India Hockey team produced that sparkle of form and understanding which allowed them to beat Nairobi East team by four goals to nil today.

The score sheet was blank at half-time upto when the home side consisting of Europeans and Asians had given as good as they received.

In the twelfth minute of the second half however the India team scored through their Captain Babu and after twenty minutes two goals came within seven seconds both being hit by Hardialsingh. The second of these was the result of a gem of a flick stroke. From then onwards it was All India and Babu completing the scoring four minutes from the end.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:—

3-50 p.m. Khatau vs B.P.T. 'B' (Second Division).

4-50 p.m C. B. Police vs Lusis 'B' (First Division).

Parsi Cyclists Ground:

4-10 p.m. Metal Box vs Cathedral Old Boys (Third Division).

St. Xavier's Ground, Parel:

3 p.m. Globe S.C. vs G. B. Police 'C'.

4 p.m. O.C.S. Sports Club vs G. B. Police 'B'

5 p.m. B.E.S.T. vs B.P.T. 'A' (Parel Hockey League).

Guha Subdues Devinder In Straight Sets

BOMBAY HAVE A NARROW LEAD OVER BENGAL

NAGPUR, December 20, (PTI).

INDIA'S number 1, Devinder Mohan Manoj Guha (Bengal) in a straight-set of 15/2 and 15/6 in the finals of the Inter-State Badminton Championships between Bombay and Bengal.

Bombay was today leading Bengal by two to one, Henry Ferreira (Bombay) beating G. Hemmady (Bengal) 15/10 and 15/10 and Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beating Miss Morton (Bengal) 11/1, 11/0.

Bombay and Bengal will meet in mixed doubles tomorrow, followed if necessary, with men's doubles, to complete the finals.

When the match began, Devinder played with easy confidence, though appearing still listless on the court, while Guha's early nervousness led him to hit many wrong placements giving Devinder a lead of eight points (9/1). Thereafter, effecting a grand recovery, with superb control of the shuttle, Guha smashed and netdropped Devinder's returns in a classic manner. He thus drew level with Mohan at eleven and soon shot upto 13/11. After a trifle point, Devinder yielded the game to Guha by 12/15.

Inspired by his initial victory, Guha started the decider with a four-point lead. He completely beat Mohan's defence by his cross-court smashes. When Mohan was three against Guha's eight, India's ace champion sticking to the net a losing battle, his smashes and drops sticking to the net very often. Guha reached thirteen in a row of five and after conceding three more to Mohan, won an exciting match breaking Mohan's unbeaten record of men's single since 1947.

Following are the results:

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (Semi-finals): Miss M. Tambe and Mrs. Acharya (MP) beat Miss Apte and Miss Phalnikar (Maha) 15/2 and 15/11. Miss B. Farias and Miss S. Phansalkar (Bombay) beat Miss P. Anand and Miss Nangia (EP) 15/6 and 18/16.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Quarter Finals): G. P. Shirke and R. A. Dongre (Bombay) beat H. Guha and B. Bannerji (Bengal) 15/8, and 18/14. D. G. Mugwe and B. V. Ullal (Bombay) beat Amrit and S. L. Jaini (Delhi) 15/12, and 15/5. Gurprasad and Chiranjit beat M. S. Patil and M. K. Bhopardikar (Bombay) 15/12 and 15/10. Devinder Mohan and H. Ferreira (Bombay) beat M. Guha and G. Hemmady (Bengal) 12/15, 15/9 and 15/9.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS EXHIBITION

DACCA, Dec. 20 (PTI.)

The three-day programme of exhibition tennis by International players under the auspices of the East Bengal Lawn Tennis Association began here this afternoon.

The first was a men's doubles match between the Americans Kovaleski and Dorfman who were pitted against a combination of Egypt and Britain in Drobny and Tony Mottram.

Kovaleski's services and forceful overhead smashes combined with Dorfman's parallel backhand shots and cross court drives put the Americans ahead by six-two. But Drobny and Mottram combining exceptionally well gave the Americans no chances in the second set and levelled scores by winning six-three.

In the final set Drobny excelled with his csisp half volleys and Mottram serving aces they won six-four.

The highlight of the game was the mixed doubles match and the spectators were treated to the exhilerating tennis when Kovaleski and Miss Dorothy Head played against Dorfman and Mrs. Mottram. Mrs. Mottram delighted the spectators by the exhibition of forceful forehead drives and accurate services. She received tremendous applause.

Miss Dorothy played with text book accuracy and the game was hotly contested. The first set was won by Kovaleski and Miss Head at six-three. Ding dong battle followed in the second set. Kovaleski's fast services were matched by Mrs. Mottram's drives and back hand shots and it was at the end of 21 games that Kovaleski and Miss Head scraped through.

In the third game Dorfman beat local Shahbuddin 6-4, 6-2, Shahabuddin pitted against the giant killer gave a good account of himself.

QUEENSLAND BEATEN IN SHEFFIELD SHIELD

PERTH, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter).

Western Australia won their Sheffield Shield match against Queensland here today by 19 runs.

Spectators saw a thrilling last half hour when Queensland needing 229 runs in their second innings to win were dismissed for 209 with 16 minutes left.

The final scoreboard read Western Australia 257 and 260, Queensland 289 and 209.

Western Australia, former winners of the shield, added 22 runs to their overnight 238 for eight but the key men in their victory were Price, the fast lefthand bowler, who claimed five wickets for 49 in Queensland's second innings and Macgill who ably supported Price with four for 56.

KEN ROSEWALL A FLUENT TENNIS PLAYER

SYDNEY, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter).—United States National Singles Tennis champion Art Larsen said here that Ken Rosewall, 16 years, was one of the most fluent players he had ever seen.

A match between him and American junior champion Richardson would certainly go to five sets.

He said Rosewall and Davis Cup player Mervyn Rose were the best of Australia's younger brigade. "Rose will go far in the game. Already he is a 'wow' in doubles."

C.C.I. To Hold Open Athletic Meet

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Cricket Club of India, who in recent years have shown their willingness to help Bombay athletics by permitting a number of meets to be held on the Stadium grounds, have now gone a step further in popularising the track and field games. They are to hold an open athletic meet on January 13 and 14.

It is learnt that there is also a move to present a trophy to the club that earns the largest number of points during the meet.

Saurashtra Face Innings Defeat

RANJI TROPHY TIE WITH BARODA

RAJKOT, Dec. 20 (PTI).

Saurashtra needed 74 runs with four second innings wickets in hand to avoid an innings defeat at the close of the third day's play today in the Ranji Trophy match against Baroda.

The visitors after adding 159 runs to the overnight score of 243 for six wickets took six Saurashtra second innings wickets for 118 runs.

The home team had scored 211 in their first innings.

Vijaya Hazare who had remained unbeaten with 115 at close of play yesterday added 71 runs before he was caught in the slips by Vora off Narottam. His 186 included 23 fours and a six.

The seventh wicket partnership between Vijay Hazare and his younger brother Vivek Hazare realised 111 runs in 115 minutes Vivek Hazare remained unbeaten with 58. Narottam took six wickets conceding 171 runs in 66 overs.

With a deficit of 191 runs Saurashtra began their second innings shakily and at the end of the day's play had lost six batsmen for 118 runs.

The scores were:

SAURASHTRA (First Innings): 211.

BARODA (First Innings)

S. K. Vichare b Vora 9, R. B. Nimbalkar c Vora b Narottam 22, D. K. Gayakwad c Vijay Singh b Narothan 7, Vijaya Hazare c Vora b Narottam 186 Gul Mohamad c Waghela b Nylachand 49, Yuvraja of Baroda lbw Narottam 35, J. M. Ghorpade c Waghela b Nyalchand 0, Vivek Hazare not out 58, V. K. Gaekwad b Narottam 20, R. A. Pradhn lbw Narottam 1, Y. Sheikh b Narottam 4, Extras 11, Total 402.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—Narottam 66-14-171-6, Nayalchand 56.4-13-124-3, Vora 14-11-38-1, Oza 10-3-29-0, Lalubhai 2-1-8-0, Acharya 5-2-18-0, Harpal 1-0-3-0.

SAURASHTRA (Second Innings): Waghela c D. K. Gaekwad b Vivek Hazare 32, Jayantilal c Vora b Gulmohamed 8, Lalubhai c Vivek b Vijay Hazare 15, Harpal batting 28, Vijaysingh c Pradhan b Vijay Hazare 20, Narottam b Vijay Hazare 0, Jayendrasingh c Vijay Hazare b Gacawkad 11, Extras 4, Total (for six wickets) 118.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—Vijay Hazare 18-7-34-3, Gulmohmad 10-1-38-1, Vivek Hazare are 11-3-21-1, D. K. Gaekwad 11.5-3-20-1, Ghorpade 2-1-10

GOOD DAY FOR G.I.P. RAILWAY

Hockey League Brings Wins For Two Teams

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

G. I. P. Railway's second string got the better of Bombay Gymkhana on their home ground in the First Division of the Hockey League this evening when they emerged victorious by two clear goals Tambe and Sullivan scored for the winners.

Earlier, Dolphin Sports succumbed to Black Spiders a solitary goal in the Second Division of the League. Laheji scored for the winners the all important goal.

On the Parsi Cyclists Ground, in the Third Division G.I.P. Railways fourth string beat National Bank by a single goal. Cardoza was the goal-getter.

Ordnance S. C. beat H. I. Dixon Sports by two goals to nil in the same division. Rozario scored both goals.

NAVY GAIN FULL POINTS

B.P.H.A. League At Cooperage

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Indian Navy managed to gain full points from V. J. T. Institute in the First Division of the B.P.H.A. League by virtue of two goals scored in the second period of play at the Cooperage this evening.

The Navy had complete sway of the proceedings and could have scored more often, but both crowding out tactics by the V. J. T. boys and poor finish work of the forwards prevented this.

Santenlinpen scored both the winners goals.

In the Second Division encounter between Imperial Chemical Industries and Bombay City 'B' were concerned in a goalless draw.

Handicaps For Tuesday

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Following are the handicaps for the Eighth Day of Bombay Winter Races which will be held on Tuesday 26th December:—

THE C. C. GULLILAND PLATE
1 Mile

Diesel 9-4, Shan-e-Hind 8-13, Pippy 8-13, City Gates 8-7, Du-Bon-Air 8-5, Neola 8-2, Liberty Belle 7-13, Stanbridge 7-13, Royal Crusader 7-8, Paper King 7-8, Roadborne 7-8.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP—1½ Miles.

First Royalty 9-7, Du-Bon-Air 9-4, Royal Crusader 8-7, Prince Ajit 8-4, Brave Prince 8-2, Chocolate Baby 7-11, Firmament 7-9, Summer Lightning 7-7, Namdar 7-7, Fight of Fancy 7-6, Gang Bhup 7-4, Ceylan 7-0, Rao Saheb 7-0.

THE OKARA PLATE—1 Mile

Shubh Luxmi 9-2, Viveca 9-2, The Duke 9-0, Nava Ratna 9-0, Pelion 8-10, Dil-Ki-Bat 8-10, Goodwill 8-9, Manisha 8-9, Gay Pilot 8-7, Khundil 8-6, Who's That 8-6, Rukshana 8-5, Chand Chakor 8-4, The Girl Friend 8-3, Ghizala 8-3, Kaiyani 8-1, Rustom 8-0, Game Bid 8-0, Near Image 8-0, Post Master 7-12, Kirti 7-12, Saita 7-11, Ayaaz 7-10, Happy Go Lucky 7-8.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. I
1 Mile

Reviera 9-2, Repartee 8-13, Royal Guard 8-10, Time Bomb 8-10, Pick Money 8-8, Samurai 8-5, Greek Star 8-4, The Roarer 8-3, The Cavalier 8-3, Flying Miss 8-3, Aawaz 8-2, Taslaroon 8-2, Princessa 8-2, Gold Spa 8-1, Black Page 8-0, Tamasha 7-10.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowance.

THE VELLARD PLATE—Div. II
1 Mile

Panditji 9-2, Pessu Pasha 9-0, Kotidhwaj 8-12, Golden Orb 8-11, Gold Street 8-11, Embarkation 8-11, Marie Louise 8-10, Anant Lakshmi 8-9, Lady Cleopatra 8-5, Star Saphire 8-4, Havana 8-2, New Era 8-1, Fowzia 8-0, Galloping Lad 7-11, Futurity 7-10, King's Star 7-8, Pessimist 7-8.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. I
7 Furs.

Sangram 9-4, True Love 9-4, Vagabond Queen 9-4, Mohabat 9-2, Red Carnation 9-0, Gitanjali 8-13, Nizamuddin 8-13, Princess Dominic 8-12, Village Green 8-12, Gun Drill 8-11, Bansiwale 8-10, Pre Catelan 8-9, Mirella 8-8, Untamed Prince 8-6, Reshone 8-1, Moonface 8-1, Pick Pocket 7-12, Star of America 7-9, Shirazi 7-8, Mah Khurshid 7-7.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE BORIVLI PLATE—Div. II
7 Furs.

Rajguru 9-5, London Tan 8-11, Radio Star 8-10, Mah-i-Nau 8-8, Ruqaiyya 8-5, Wagh Mahal 8-4, Firdaussi 8-2, Show On 8-1, Mayfair Lady 8-1, Short Story 8-0, Hikmet 7-10, Indian Port 7-8, Won Thousand 7-8, Fox Trot 7-8, Cool and Collected 7-7, Titina 7-5, Kickshaw 7-5, Luminary 7-1, Slap and Tickle 7-0, Ajinkya Tara II 7-0.

This Race will be ridden by Apprentice Jockeys. Who have not ridden 20 or more Winners. (No whips allowed.)

THE NAVSARI PLATE—5 Furs.

Georgia 8-7, Bright Faith 8-7, Taloja 8-7, Haseen 8-7, My Lucky Star 8-7, Priceless 8-7, H.R.H. 8-7, Precious Necklace 8-7, Paras Mani 8-7, Maharaj Kumari 8-7, Janikpuri 8-7, Recent Vintage 8-7, Dilbahar 8-7, Eastern Queen 8-7, Free Port 8-7, Sushama 8-7, Dev Kanya 8-7, Indy 8-7, Dutch Maid 8-7, Cookie 8-7, Star Money 8-7.

HANDICAPS FOR MADRAS RACES

Fourth Day, December Meeting

MADRAS, Dec. 20, (PTI): Following are Handicaps for Madras Races December Meeting, Fourth Day, Sunday, 24th December 1950:—

THE STEWARDS CUP (6 f.) Bentotta 9-13, Night Ops 9-5, Full House 9-0, Flotilla 8-8, Ellamenco 8-6, Bullrich 8-3, Sinister 8-2, Coutlet 8-1, Foursome 7-13, Raj Doot 7-10, Blue Train 7-6, Thunder 7-5, Nettled 7-4, Roscoe 7-4.

THE GODAVERY PLATE (7 f.) Jonathan 9-7, Windsor Knight 9-7, Pride D'Antibes 9-4, Royal Express 9-0, Wing Commander 8-12, Lizalee 8-10, Jadugar 8-8, Shah Nawaz 8-8, King of Diamonds 8-8, Lady Doctor 8-7, Poppet 8-7, Navroze 8-5, Amelia 8-2, Mighty Atom 7-12, Courtship 7-11, Lean Note 7-6, Princess Padma 7-6, Windsor Lass 7-4.

THE KUNIGAL PLATE (1 mile 1 furls.) Naga Kanya 9-7, Sankey 9-3, Tawaqul 9-1, Zedai 8-12, Swathanthra 8-10, Black and White 8-8, Florida 8-7, Lily of the Valley 8-2, Gipsy Lore 8-1, Crescendo 8-0, Oscar 7-13, Or and On 7-10, Jai Malhar 7-9, Spanish Girl 7-8, Gleaming 7-8, Torrent 7-6, Al Kajora 7-4, Pop 7-4.

THE KASHMIR PLATE Div. I (6 f.) Alcovita 9-4, Atomic 9-4, Patakha 9-3, Miss Prestige 9-2, Basilian 9-1, Carpala 8-12, Wedding Day 8-11, Penny Novel 8-9, Just It 8-8, Princess of Hindustan 8-4, Fair Gold 8-2, The Angel 7-12, Widad 7-12.

THE KASHMIR PLATE Div. II (6 f.) Mr. Rambler 9-4, Golad Anne 9-3, Moon Maiden 9-3, Gipsy Queen 9-2, Big Hearted 8-12, Killarney 8-11, Kotkin 8-9, Gipsy Maid 8-8, Blue Flame 8-0, Pretty Fast 8-0, Warrior Princess 8-0, Resendra 8-0, Malka 8-0, Quaker Oats 8-0, Tarquinne 7-4, Tribuvan 7-4, Contessa Neuvy 7-4.

THE AGRA PLATE (1-1/4 miles) Persian Princess 9-4, Robin Adair 9-4, Favourite 9-3, Bonzo 9-2, The Marine 9-1, My Baby 9-1, Bold Note 9-0, Mahrukh 8-9, Pamir 7-12, Kalyan 7-11, Moon Dust 7-8, Sugar Palm 7-4, Babu 7-4.

THE BHAVANI PLATE (6 f.) Belle Syme 9-7, Prince Marlo 9-4, Aerex 9-2, Persian Princess 9-0, Night Queen 8-13, Gay Abbess 8-9, Lovely Night 7-8, Brave Lassie 7-8, Pampero 7-8, Fidelia 7-8, Dominics Lady 7-8, Sunny 7-8, Resili 7-4, Miss Moon 7-4.

SIVARAMAN NOT TO PLAY IN INTER STATE T.T.

MADRAS, Dec. 19 (PTI).

V. Sivaraman who was selected to lead Madras in the Inter State Table Tennis championships commencing in Colombo on the 23rd is unale tomake the trip.

N. Krishnamurthy has been taken in to fill the vacant plac. Mr. T. D. Ranga Ramanujam will be the captain (non-playing).

The Bengal, Delhi and Punjab teams arrived here today on their way to Colombo and left this evening by the Indo-Ceylon Express.

Commonwealth Side Fight Hard For Runs

SUSTAINED BATTLE AGAINST TOURISTS BY 'VARSITY XI

CALCUTTA, December 20, (PTI).

MORE than 20,000 cricket enthusiasts watched young India's aspirants for big honours, the Indian Universities XI, put up a sustained battle to make the powerful Commonwealth Tourists fight for runs throughout the day here today.

The Tourists, batting first in their three day match, had scored 265 runs for half the side out at close of play.

On the dew-sodden Eden Gardens wicket Ikin and Worrell, who opened for them, made a cautious start taking the entire pre-lunch session to score 79 runs. They were none too steady in facing the varsity attack. Ikin, who took nearly 25 minutes to break his "duck", nearly fell into Shungloo's leg trap before he had done so. Later Worrell just escaped being caught at gully off Omprakash when he had scored 21 in the total of 40.

The wicket was definitely on the soft side for the first hour. Ikin once slipped down and later Omprakash who was attacking Ikin around the wicket and changed his style after being talked to by the umpire. But the pitch never did anything unusual excepting for a period immediately before and after the lunch interval when an occasional ball popped up.

However, the visitors were never at home, most of their runs coming off the edge of the bat. In fact, except when Ames was batting later in the day, the bat never really mastered the ball.

Shortly after resumption the first wicket stand was broken, Ikin being bowled by Irani for 41, after the stand had taken the total to 86 in 132 minutes.

Worrell and Fishlock then had several anxious moment against medium paced off break bowler, Adisesh, leftarm slow, Shelke, who also broke the ball from the off to a right-handed batsman, got a faster one through to beat and bowl Worrell at 153, the West Indian having then made 83 in 185 minutes stay.

Two more wickets fell in the next ten minutes for the addition of only seven runs, Grieves and Fishlock falling to Roy, another medium paced off break bowler, when trying to force the pace.

Ames then came in and attacked the bowling vigorously for 86 minutes to score an attractive 60, taking the total to 244. Ames, in spite of his advanced age, played a masterly innings. After tea Ames scored 38 in 41 minutes, while youthful Sutcliffe was able to score only five at the other end.

The Varsity team, though possessing eight bowlers including two left handers, lacked variety in attack. The side was without a genuine slow leg spinner, while almost all the bowlers broke the ball from the off at medium pace. Skipper Irani probably laboured under this handicap for he changed his attack incessantly and shifted his bowlers from end to end throughout the day.

Irani himself opened the attack with Shungloo, Irani broke the ball either way, varied the pace intelligently and was more effective than Shungloo. Mysore's Adisesh and Bengal's Roy were the others to impress, and they were given longer spells by Irani. Roy claimed two wickets for 33 runs but Adisesh, who had the batsmen worried on many occasions, was unlucky to finish with an empty bag.

SCORE BOARD

COMMONWEALTH (first Innings)

J. T. Ikin b Irani				41
F. M. Worrell b Shelke				83
L. B. Fishlock c Nazir Ali b Roy				22
K. Grieves c Nazir Ali b Roy				1
L. E. G. Ames lbw Shodhan				60
W. H. H. Sutcliffe batting				26
D. Shackleton batting				10
Extras				22
Total (for 5 wickets				265.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
R. Shungloo	14	4	51	0
B. R. Irani	52	3	62	1
Om Prakash	12	4	24	0
D. Shodhan	8	3	16	1
L. T. Adisesh	13	6	21	0
P. Roy	14	0	33	2
R. R. Shelke	10	0	31	1
G. D. Misra	2	1	5	0

RUSSIA CONCENTRATING ON SEA POWER

Target Of 1,000 Submarines By December 1951

LONDON, December 20 (PTI-Reuter).

RUSSIA is concentrating on building up her sea power "already far in excess of the normal requirements of defence", according to a new edition published today of "Jane's fighting Ships".

This authoritative annual survey of world naval strength, in an estimate of Soviet naval resourcess, said a 30-knot 35,800 ton battleship Sovyetski Soyuz, was commissioned last June. She had six 16-inch guns, 60 small anti-aircraft guns and two batteries for guided missles fired from towers.

A sister ship, the statement added, was launched last March and a third, slightly bigger, vessel was on the stocks. "Janes Fighting Ships" added that Russia has or will soon have 16 heavy cruisers and 100 destroyers and destroyer-type torpedo boats.

Soviet submarines are estimated to total 350 to 370 with 120 more being built.

THE TARGET

The target for December 1951 was given as 1,000 submarines in service.

All those already built are reported to be "short equipped", so that they have maximum underwater range. Among them is a 25-knot minelaying type, it is stated.

The book mentions an additional 76 Russian submarines, thought to be mine-laying types. It observes that, while most Russian under-water vessels are of the latest type, she still keeps many older craft for training puposes and seems to have a policy of never scrapping any vessel which can be used "no matter how old or worn out".

So far as the British anti-submarine strength goes, it consists of 63 motor mine-sweepers and 45 mine-sweeping motor launches.

Twenty small mine-sweepers and 15 coastal mine-sweepers are reported to be on order, with a mine-sweeping head-quarters ship. One such ship is already in service.

PRAGUE DECISIONS ONLY SOLUTION

"Pravda" On Germany

LONDON, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter): Pravda Soviet Communist Party newspaper quoted by Moscow Radio today said that the recent conference of Eastern European Foreign Ministers in Prague had worked out the "only correct programme for the solution of the German question, in the interests of the consolidation of peace and international security."

It added: "The struggle of the German people for a united, democratic and peace-loving Germany is of the greatest importance for the consolidation of peace in Europe."

Pravda declared the efforts of the "Anglo-American imperialists to turn Western Germany into a base for military adventures and the Germans into cannon fodder" aroused the indignation of "all who cherish peace."

ATOM LABORATORY FOR EUROPE

For Peaceful Research

GENEVA, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): A plan to build a European laboratory for peaceful atomic research probably in France, is expected to be approved by the Council of Europe at its next meeting, it was learned here today.

The recommendation comes from the Committee of Scientific Co-operation of the European Cultural Centre, an autonomous body approved by the Strasbourg Assembly.

It recommended that the laboratory should be centred round a cosmotron equal or superior in power to the one now being built at Brookhaven, in the United States.

A cosmotron is an experimental instrument by which a magnetic field of high intensity accelarates particles torn from the nuclei of atoms.

No News Of Tanks Moving For Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter): British and American military sources said here today they had no information to support the Chinese newspaper report that 30 Chinese Communist tanks were moving towards the Hong Kong border from Canton.

The report appeared on a Canton despatch in the independent right wing vernacular "Wahriuyatpo" and said the tanks were seen on Sunday moving down the Canton-Shumchung road towards Po-On a Chinese town at the north-west corner of Hong Kong territorial waters.

The report said the tanks left Canton several days earlier and were being sent to Po-On for defence purposes in view of the present military situation.

Shumchun is a Chinese town at the centre of a 17-mile Anglo-Chinese frontier.

S. AFRICAN STUDENTS PROTEST

Refusal Of Passports

CAPETOWN, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): The National Union of South African Students, has adopted a resolution protesting against refusal of the South African Government to grant passports for non-Europeans wishing to study in India.

In recent months the Government of South Africa has refused passports to at least three non-European South African students who wished to study in India.

Truman Gets Two Special Powers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): A request by Mr. Truman for two of the special powers held by the President during the second world war was approved by the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday little more than twenty-four hours after he made it.

The President wants authority: (1) To consolidate or abolish Government agencies or borrow the powers of one agency and give them to another until either he or Congress declares the state of national emergency at an end.

(2) To change existing and future Government contracts as necessary to avoid delays in defence production and to keep suppliers in business on defence orders.

The Committee Chairman Mr. Emanuel Caller said not a single member voted against restoration of the powers.

ENTIRE COUNTRY IS BEHIND YOU

Truman's Letter To Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, (PTI-Reuter): President Truman told General Dwight D Eisenhower in a letter yesterday that the "entire country is wholeheartedly behind" him in his new post as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

The letter said: "You carry with you the prayers of all freedom loving peoples."

Mr. Truman said he viewed the request by the North Atlantic nations for he appointment of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander "as a pledge that their support of your efforts will be complete and unequivocal."

NEW PROPOSAL FOR NEW GUINEA

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Mohammed Rum, Indonesia's Foreign Minister would bring a new proposal for settlement of the future status of Dutch New Guinea when he comes to Holland this week, according to Indonesian sources here today.

They believe this would leave sovereignty with the Dutch for the present and allow the territory to be run by a Dutch Indonesian Administrative Council.

Dutch New Guinea which lies to the north of Australia was formerly part of the Netherlands East Indies, most of which now lies in the United States of Indonesia.

General Motors Plea To U.S. Rejected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (PTI-Reuter): The United States Government has decided to reject, for the time being at least, an appeal by General Motors Corporation for a relaxation of the mandatory price "freeze" on new motor cars at December 1 levels.

A spokesman for the Economic Stabilisation Administration said last night the order would stand.

"Who is dictating the price control of our economy—General Motors or this agency?" he asked.

General Motors stopped the sale of Chevrolets, Pontiacs and Cadillacs following the Government's price cutting order last week, and urged the Federal Agency to reinstate the price advances, with the Government to decide later whether they were justified.

Australia Offers 100 Scholarships

SYDNEY, Dec 20, (PTI-Reuter): Australia has decided to offer India, Pakistan and Ceylon 100 fellowships scholarships tenable here during 1951.

The External Affairs Minister Mr. Percy Spender said India would receive 50, Pakistan 35 and Ceylon 15.

Bertha Committee In London

LONDON, Dec. 19 (PTI-Reuter):—Malay students in London tonight set up a "Bertha Hertogh" Committee. Its purpose was stated to be to win support for "the cause of the Malayan people in their great fight for Bertha Hertogh", now restored to her mother in Holland.

One More Riot Victim Dies

SINGAPORE, December 20, (PTI-Reuter): Police Inspector A Rethnasingham who was injured in last week's riots over Bertha Hertogh in Singapoe, died in hospital yesterday.

He was attacked by rioters after escorting a Dutch woman home.

Mr. Retnasingham, whose family is now in Malaya, came from Ceylon, later.

Australian Help In Malaya To Continue

SYDNEY, Dec. 20, (PTI)-Reuter): Australia should maintain her present contribution of squadrons to Malaya and Korea indefinitely and intended to do so, Air Marshal Jones, Chief of Australia's Air Staff declared today.

SCATTERED REALISING IN STEELS AFTER EARLY RISE

Cotton Mill Shares Rule Steady

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

After yesterday's small setback, the local stock exchange ruled very steady today with moderate buying in steel and textile shares. The market will remain for one hour tomorrow and being the last session of the year under price movement is expected.

The market sentiments remains bullish based on warlike activity of industry; Industrial production is also increasing and naturally profits are likely to be higher. Several mills are reported during handsome export business with good profits.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened today at Rs. 1918-12 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1902-8 and advanced at Rs. 1925 on increased buying at this level scattered realising sales checked further improvement and Defds. steadied at Rs. 1922-8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 366 and after advancing at Rs. 368 steadied at Rs. 367. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 32-9 while Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 23-6.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1060 and advanced at Rs. 1068-12. Kohinoor mill shares opened at Rs. 347 and advanced at Rs. 350. Simplex mill shares were done at Rs. 279 while Svadeshi mill shares opened at Rs. 319 and steadied at Rs. 318.

Scindia shares opened at Rs. 16-15 and quietened at Rs. 16-13. Bombay Burmas were placed at Rs. 492. Associated Cements opened at Rs. 177 and improved at Rs. 178.

Later on the market was quiet on rumours of a Supplementary Budget and Tata Steel Defds. declined at Rs. 1,912/8 while Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 366/-. Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 1,061/4 and Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 348/-. Bombay Burmas were done at Rs. 495/- and Belapurs were placed at Rs. 288/-.

After the close of the market Tata Steel Defd. Shares were quoted at Rs. 1905 to Rs. 1907-8.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (7-8)		1061	4
Kohinoor Mills (6)		349	4
Swadeshi Mills (14)		319	0
Central India Mills (6)		269	8
Simplex Mills (11)		277	0
New Great Eastern (3-2)		180	8
Indore (4)		160	0
Gokak (11)		259	0
Century Spinning (8)		281	14
India Bleaching (8)		180	0
Swan (20)		377	0
Finlay Mills (15)		292	0
Morarji (4-8)		190	0
Edward (15)		285	0
Meyer (8)		96	4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)		3	5 3
India United Ord. (0-1-6)		13	13
India United Defd. (0-2-0)		2	4
Madhusudan (15)		151	4
Podar (9)		156	4
Khatau (7)		187	8

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord. (16)		365	4
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)		1913	12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-3)		140	8

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7)		177	0

INDUSTRIES

Burma (15)		494	6
Belapur (12-8)		288	0
Shivrajpur (1-3)		59	8
Scindia Steam		16	14
Premier Construction (4)		127	12
Tata Chemical		15	9
Tata Oil (1)		46	0
Indian Iron (1)		32	8
Bengal Steel (0-10)		43	5
British India Corp. (0-9)		9	7 6
India Copper		3	3 6
Wimco (11)		273	12
Alcock (28-2)		350	0

ELECTRIC SHARES

Andhra Valley (45) XD		1470	0
Tata Hydro (4-8) XD		158	0
Tata Power (50) XD		1615	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone (15)		62	8
Phoenix (6)		130	0
Indian Mfg. (40)		3350	0
Kurla (78)		125	0
Colaba (6)		89	0
New City (11)		197	8
Minerva (12)		134	6
Bradbury		453	4
Bharucha		4	12
Bharat (2)		28	12
Mysore Defd. (4) XD		171	4
Mysore (12-0)		12	0
Model Mills (12-8)		155	0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)		605	0
Vishnu Cotton (6)		202	8
Standard (15)		240	0
Sholapur (200)		3060	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)		27	0
Hindustan Mills (40) XD		3410	0
Tata Mills (2)		56	8
Ahmedabad Advance (9)		221	4
Sassoon Silk (2-10)		35	0
New Union Mills (0-8)		25	10
Madhusudan S (2-8)		32	0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)		190	0
Raja Bahadur (4)		60	0
Berar		260	0
Victoria Mills		225	6

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)		115	10
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)		112	8
Surat Electric (5)		141	14
Karachi Electric (2)		127	8
Broach (0-5)		6	1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)		10	2
Amalgamated (0-12)		11	10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)		27	0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)		125	0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)		148	12
Jalgaon		10	10

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India (40)		1995	0
Imperial Bank P. (10)		491	4
Central Bank (1-8)		80	4
Central Bank New (1-8)		80	8
Bank of India (3)		179	0
Union (0-5)		7	3
Baroda (2-8)		128	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)		31	
United Commercial (1-12)		46	0
Jaipur Bank (1-8)		37	0
Hindustan Commercial (1)		22	8
Mysore Bank (8)		865	0
Eastern Bank (14-9)		82	0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)		4315	0
Empire (10)		615	0
New India (2)		67	12
Jupiter (0-12)		14	8
Vulcan (1-10)		12	5
Ind. Mercantile		41	0
B.I.C.		16	5
Industrial and Prudential		28	4
Neptune		7	0
New Great		18	4
All India General		6	6

RAILWAY SHARES

C. P. (2-4)		114	4

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Bombay Steam (10)		263	12
Bombay Burma New (5)		162	8
Burma Petrol		1	10
Kemp and Co. (30)		342	8
Mackenzie (6)		91	0
Port Canning (3)		52	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)		93	4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)		85	0
Dharamsey Chemical (4)		68	0
Mukund Iron		5	0
Dena Trust (0-12)		12	0
Alembic (15)		121	4
Supreme Industries		90	0
Bombay Uganda		65	12
Indian Cement (1937)		23	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)		180	0
United Motor		28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)		785	0
Hydro Construction		19	2 6
Mahamadi Steam		100	0
Gujerat Motor		26	0
Sardar Carbonic XD		750	0
Harvey Press		310	0
Estrella Batteries		37	0
National Rayon		69	4
Bombay Cycle		34	0
Jost Co.		75	0
Digvijav Cement		70	0
Ham Wire		30	0
Phalton		132	0

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6) XD		195	0
Bengal Steel		116	4
Indian Iron		107	0
Andhra Valley (7)		1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)		1355	0
Hydro-Electric (7) XD		131	4
Bombay Steamer (6)		233	12
Central India (5)		632	0
Swadesh, Mills		130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)		676	4
Laxmi		275	0
New Great Mills (5-3)		215	0
Podar Mills (4)		95	0
Shrinivasa Mills		98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)		109	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)		345	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)		136	4
Pre Construction First		102	4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref		99	12
Amalgamated		115	0
Habib		72	0
Tata Chemical		132	8
Walchandnagar		126	4
Jupiter		12	15
Supreme		92	8
Meyer		95	0
Mackenzie (First)		92	0
Mackenzie (2)		85	0
Ahmedabad Advance		127	8
Mysore Mill		41	0
Standard		99	0
Madhusudhan		12	0
Khatau		97	8
Morarji		94	8
National Rayon		79	0

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952		101	4
Rubber Planting			
Bombay Steamer		98	14
Indian Hume Pipe		101	0
Tata Power 1951		101	0
Walchandnagar (6)		106	0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation		2	11
New Victoria Mills		2	2
New Victoria Pref.		4	2
Gold Mohor (20)		340	0
New Kaiser Hind		170	0
Sajjan Mills		100	0
Osmanshahi		115	0
Ajam Shahi		110	0
Air Services		3	12
Air India Tata		59	12
Hind Motor		6	6 6
Walchand Motor		53	12
India Steam		7	9 6
Tata Locomotive		94	0
Killick Industries XD		137	0

Ahmedabad Stock Exchange

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20.

Ahmedabad Stock Exchange closing:—Calico 325-12, Ambika 374, Arvind 880, Tata Defd. 1910, New Shorok 640, Saraspor 315, Atul 101, Vivekanand 177-8, Lal 240, Sayaji 165, Rohit 126-4, New Manekchowk 175, Commercial 735. Ahmedabad Cotton 400, Bihari 221-4, Bhalakiya 117-8 Jupiter 310, Raipur 800, Vijay 456-4. Marsden 160, Vikram 410.

Calico opened 323, High 327-8, Low 324, Closed 325-12; Ambika opened 372, High 376, Low 375, Closed 374; Arvind opened 874, High 881, Low 878, Closed 880; Tata Defd opened 1911, High 1926, Low 1907, Closed 1910; New Shorrok opened 632. High 642, Low 639, Closed 640.

There was heavy transaction in Lal and Atul Shares. Otherwise tone of market was good.

GOVERNMENT LOAN

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

2-1/2% 1954	98	13	0
2½% 1955	99	8	0
2½% 1961	96	4	0
2-3/4% 1960	98	8	0
2-3/4% 1962	98	4	0
3% 1970	94	0	0
3% 1986 Con.	93	0	0
3% 1951/54	101	1	0
3% 1953/55	108	7	0
3% 1937	100	6	6
3% 1959/65	99	13	0
3% 1963/65	98	15	0
3% 1959/65	99	12	0
3% 1966/68	98	0	0
3% 1970/71	97	2	0
3-1/2% 1954/58	103	14	0
4-1/2% 1955/60	109	2	0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	109	5	0
4% 1958/68	112	4	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3% Bombay 1962	99	2	0
3% Bombay 1960	99	4	0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	96	12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	96	12	0
3% Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3% Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3% Punjab 1952	101	8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	100	6	0
3% U.P 1952	100	8	0
3% C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3% N.W.F 1952	100	0	0
3% U.P 1961/66	99	2	0

MUNICIPAL

3-1/4% 1977	98	12	0
4% B.P.I.	109	4	0
4% B Municipality	109	0	0
5% B Municipality	113	0	0
5% B Municipality 1954	112	0	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The Government decision to ban forward business in oilseeds in Greater Bombay has created some criticism as markets in the interior such as Ahmedabad are allowed forward business.

Ready quotations in the local market today were as under:—

Groundnuts Khandesh quality Rs. 46-4, Bold Rs. 45-4. Linseed Rs. 42-12 and Castorseeds Rs. 46.

Groundnut oil Bombay mills Rs. 25. Rail receipts Rs. 24-3 and January Rs. 23-12. Linseed oil was quoted at Rs. 22-8.

GOLD & SILVER

Scattered Profittaking

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The local bullion market opened steady and improved on renewed buying. But as soon as the demand was satisfied, scattered profit-taking increased which only checked further improvement but resulted in moderate decline in quotations.

At present the market is influenced by Korean war developments and the general feeling remains bullish in the face of large arrivals and poor offtake.

At the opening forward silver was quoted at Rs. 185 and advanced at Rs. 185-4 on renewed buying. At this level long liquidation appeared and forward silver declined at Rs. 184-12.

Forward gold opened at Rs. 108-10 and advanced at Rs. 108-12 but later declined at Rs. 108-8 on profit-taking.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	As.	P.
Ready Silver	184	9	0
Forward	184	13	0
Ready Gold	108	15	0
Forward	108	15	0

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

120	Ready	Japan	9	0 0
150	Ready	Japan	9	0 0
120	Ready	Italy	8	6 0
150	Ready	Italy	8	6 0
150	D. Box	January		1584
150	D. Box	February		1580

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Tata Ordinary 365-4, Tata Deferred 1910, Indian Iron 32-8, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 23-5, Bombay Dyeing 1061-4, Central India 269-8, Gokak 259-, Kohinoor 349-4. Simplex 277, Swadeshi 319, Tata Power 1615, Associated Cement 177, Belapur 288-8, Bombay Burma (Old) 494-8, Scindia 16-8, Central Bank 80-4, New India 67-8. Tata 2nd Pref. 140-8.

N. Y. Silver Sales

NEW YORK, Dec. 19: Sales today totalled 200,000 ounces.

London Bullion

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Silver spot and forward .. 70 pence
Gold bars fine per ounce .. £12-8-0

EXPORT DUTY ON OILSEEDS

Shippers' Concern Over Rumours

BOMBAY, Wednesday: A representative section of leading shippers in Bombay expressed grave concern in respect of renewed rumours about impending imposition of export duties on oilseeds and oils and submitted a representation to the Government of India to this effect reports U.P.I.

In a telegram to the Ministers for Commerce, Finance and Food of the Government of India today, the shippers stated that in case imposition of duties was contemplated against sales which had already been entered, they would not be able to collect the duties from overseas buyers since the existence of exchange contracts in the importing countries made it impossible for additional foreign exchange to be made available to meet a possible export duty in India.

This would, therefore, they pointed out, result in annulment of contracts and thereby neutralise the advantages that might by way of duty accrue to Government and would also result in loss of a very considerable amount of foreign exchange running into crores of rupees.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, Dec 19.

T.T. London on:

New York	2.7987/2.8012
Montreal	2.95/2.95-1/2
Stockholm	14.47/14.50
Switzerland	12.23/12.26

Amsterdam Stocks Steady

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19: The bourse was steady with shares and bonds maintained. Plantations showed late improvements while shippings were also firmer. Investments were irregular. The bourse will remain closed on December 25 and January 1

INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES

ALL INDIA

(BASE: 1938=100)

GROUP AND SUB-GROUP	WEEK ENDED 10-12-1949	11-11-1950	2-12-1950	9-12-1950
GOVT. AND SEMI-GOVT. SECURITIES				
Govt. of India loans	101.41	100.25	99.69	99.41
Indian States loans	98.87	98.75	98.73	98.65
Municipal, Port Trust and Improvement Trust Loans	97.25	96.69	96.43	96.30
GROUP INDEX	101.25	100.13	99.59	99.32
FIXED DIVIDEND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES				
Electricity	80.4	84.0	83.7	83.0
Cotton	148.0	146.3	143.5	143.5
Jute	90.7	92.6	92.6	91.8
Coal	106.9	102.1	100.8	101.4
Iron and Steel	89.7	90.5	89.5	89.7
Sugar	106.4	107.9	107.2	107.7
Paper	99.2	95.6	98.1	98.0
Plantations	110.6	109.1	110.7	111.2
GROUP INDEX	100.13	100.97	100.47	100.26
VARIABLE DIVIDEND INDUSTRIAL SECURITIES				
Banks	119.3	123.5	123.4	123.2
Insurance	118.2	125.1	126.0	127.1
Investment Trusts	162.2	161.6	162.9	163.2
Electricity Companies and Tramways	84.2	91.1	92.5	91.9
Shipping and other Transport Companies	92.9	91.5	92.8	93.8
Railways	90.0	94.5	94.9	95.0
Plantations	121.0	150.8	151.8	151.4
Cotton, Woollen and Silk	149.7	155.4	158.5	157.8
Jute	79.3	96.1	95.1	94.5
Coal	108.5	123.6	121.8	121.9
Mining and Oil	60.1	73.0	74.7	75.2
Iron and Steel	143.2	153.1	157.9	155.9
General Engineering	159.2	178.4	180.6	181.0
Sugar	115.9	88.3	87.5	89.9
Breweries	108.5	102.2	103.2	103.9
Chemicals	157.6	171.5	171.1	169.9
Paper	107.1	107.2	108.6	108.0
Cement	120.3	140.3	142.0	141.7
GROUP INDEX	114.49	124.32	125.42	125.24
REGION AND GROUP				
BOMBAY				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	100.54	99.47	99.06	98.92
Fixed Dividend Industrials	97.4	99.7	98.9	98.3
Variable Dividend Industrials	129.1	138.3	140.6	139.9
CALCUTTA				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.65	100.51	99.95	99.57
Fixed Dividend Industrials	101.5	100.8	100.2	99.8
Variable Dividend Industrials	104.3	112.3	112.4	112.3
MADRAS				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.61	100.36	99.66	99.36
Fixed Dividend Industrials	115.7	115.6	116.2	116.5
Variable Dividend Industrials	137.3	150.7	152.9	153.4

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

MILLS—
Apollo 3-3 3 5-3
Bharat 28-4 28-12
B. Dyeing 1060 65 61-4 68-12 52-8 61-4
C. India 270 69 71 68 69-8
Century 181-4 81-14
Colaba 81 95 89
E. Textiles 287-8 85
Elphinstone 62-8
Finlay 291 94 92
Gokak 259 61-8 57 59
I.U. Defd. 2-4-3 2-5 2-4
" Ord. 13-14 14 13-12 13-13
Indore 165 62-8 66-4 58-12 62-8 60
Khatau 190
Kohinoor 347 51-8 48 49-4
Meyer 95 98 96-4
Model 153-12 55
Mysore 171-4
Morarji 190
New City 197-8
New Great 179 83 80-8
Phoenix 130
Podar 151-4 56-4 53-12 56-4
Simplex 279-8 82 77
Svadeshi 320 17 18-8 14 19
Swan 376 77
Tata Mills 55 56-8
Vishnu 202-8 (Ex-Div.)
C. P. Rly. 114-4.
B. Steam 262-8 63-12.
Scindia 16-15 16-13 16-15-6 16-11 16-15 16-14.

BANKS
Baroda 128.
Central 80-8 80-4.
Central New 80-8.
Imperial 1995.
Imperial New 491-4 91-14.
India 179 79-12 79.
Union 7-3.
U. Commercial 46.

ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad 115-10.
Ahmedabad New 112-8.
Andhra 1470 72-8.
Suburban 148-12.
Surat 141-4 41-14.
Hydro 158.
Power 1618-12 15.
Power Pref. 1355.
New India 67-8 68 67-12.
Vulcan 12-2 12-4.

STEELS:—
B. Steel 23-6 23-5 23-7 23-3-6 23-6 23-5
I. Iron 32-10 32-12 32-7 32-9 32-8
Jam Wire 30
Tata Defd 1920 25 17-8 26-4 5 16-4 13-12
Tata Ord. 367 68-4 67-8 68-8 64-8 66 65 65-8 65-4
Tata 2nd Pref 139-8 40-8

MISCELLANEOUS:—
Alcock 350 48-12 53-12 50
A.C.C. 178 78-4 76-12 77
Belapur 289 90 87-8 88
B. B. Old 493-12 92-8 94-6 93-12 94-6
B. B. New 161-4 62-8
B. B. Petrol 1-10 1-10-3 1-10
B. I. C. 9-8 9-9 9-7-6
Dharamsey 68
I. Copper 3-3 3-3-6
P. Const. 129-8 26-8 27-12
P. 1st Pref 102-8
P. 2nd Pref 100
Shivrajpur 57 60 59 59-8
Tata Chem. 15-6 15-11 15-5 15-9
Tata Oil 45-8 45-4 46-12 46
Walchandnagar 178-12 80
Wimco 270 76-4 72-8 73-12

SPECIAL:—
National Rayon Ord. 68 68-4

NEW YORK PEPPER FIRM

London Market Idle

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

Black pepper was firm in sympathy with higher Indian advices which also stress light receipts. Spot was offered at 1.60 dollars afloat at 1.56, January shipment 1.47, March shipment 1.40. Higher asking levels were failing to attract buying interest with current bids at 1.57 for spot, 1.54 for afloat and 1.45 for January shipment. Following are today's closing prices: Black pepper spot 1.60 asked. Old and New Contracts: December 1.57 January 1.52, February 1.50 and March 1.40 all nominals.

LONDON: The pepper market was idle with prices nominally unchanged. Black Lampong December shipment was at 10 shillings and white Muntok at 17 sh. 7-1/2 pence shipping weight with white Sarawak at 18sh 1-1/2 pence delivered weight per pound c.i.f. oasis ports. Malabar afloat at 1,325 to 1,400 shillings according to position. December 1,230, January 1,160 and March 1,110 per cwt c.i.f. United Kingdom.

SINGAPORE: The pepper market was steady with prices unchanged.

BRUSSELS STOCK EXCHANGE

Rubbers Dull

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19: A feature on the forward section of the bourse was improvement in Union Miniere on interim Dividend of 400 francs. Most rubber issues were rather dull and other forward groups were irregular in quiet trading. The spot market was irregularly lower with Colonial Banks firm, but Colonial Industrials were marked down; Textiles, plantations, breweries, coal, glass and electricity shares were all lower and metallurgicals hesitant. The bourse will remain closed on December 25 and January 1

LONDON COPRA FIRM

Good Demand For Oil

LONDON, Dec. 19: The Copra Market was firm on European inquiry. Straits Dutch East Indies fair merchantable delivered £108-1/4 paid and seller. Philippines bulk quoted at 255 dollars and Ceylon unoffered but indicated at £112, all per ton c.i.f. December/January shipment.

Cocoanut oil market was firm with Straits in drums at £157 buyer and in bulk at £155 seller, Ceylon in drums £162 seller and in bulk £156, nominal all January/February shipment.

STATEMENT OF COTTON PRESSED IN INDIA

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

	Week ending 1st December		1st Sept. to 1st December	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Madras	212	532	25050	28406
Bombay excluding merged states	..	..	2804	5614
West Bengal	..	..	232	17
Uttar Pradesh	..	146	..	451
Punjab	5071	12252	17457	44585
Ajmer	136	1846	234	6045
Kutch	..	..	339	374
Rajasthan	495	935	2495	3850
Hyderabad	7690	10029	13651	25620
Mysore	236	182	2782	2878
Total	13840	25922	65044	117840

AMERICAN MARKETS

INCREASED COTTON DEMAND MEETS PROFITTAKING

Brisk Activity In Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

Prices advanced on a broad trade demand for oldcrops credited to both mill and export accounts against textile sales and the issuance of an increasing number of export licences by the Department of Commerce.

Commission house buying by cheaper forward continued, active partly based on the large military cotton goods requirements and a tightening spot cotton supply situation. November consumption figures of over a million bales were additional bullish factors as was the scarcity of contracts.

The market eventually reacted partially on increased profittaking attributed to technical considerations. In the afternoon prices declined under the leadership of oldcrops reflecting increased hedging particularly in march and additional profittaking attracted by the recent advances together with contraction of early trade demand. The session closed barely steady, with sales at 325,000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

	New York Cotton	New Orleans Cotton
March	43.00	42.69
May	42.62	42.46
July	42.16	42.07
October	39.32	39.23
Middling spot	44.10	43.00

New York cotton highest March 43.34 at 10-52 hrs. Lowest 43.00 at 15-00 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, December 19.

The market absorbed a goodly amount of profittaking and other selling without particular trouble. While numerous buyers seemed to be waiting for this selling to exhaust itself price changes either way were preponderantly fractional and evenly divided with most group indications vague. The undertone was firm reflecting the current high level of business activity and the need for speedy rearmament. Some believe that controls will not be too drastic for the moment and tha business will prosper some time despite prospects of higher taxes.

A new wave of demand hit the stockmarket as buyers observed failure of earlier selling to depress values. Led by heavy industry shares the market quickly moved to gain of fractions to one dollar or more At noon the averages were industrials 231.94 and rails 76.70. Brisk activity continued but the market was unable to improve on the earlier fraction to one dollar or more advance which left the composite average at a new 1950 high and the best level for 20 years.

Canadian Pac-ific were occasionally popular at a fractional advance to a new high with indications that the company would seek a freight rate rise to offset the railworkers' award. The market showed little change in late dealings and closed firm.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Telephone and Telegraph	152
Amerex Holding	42-1/2
Anaconda copper	38-1/2
Chase National Bank	36-1/2
Firestone tyre	77-1/4
General Electric	48-1/2
General Motors	46
Ingersol Rand	74
International Nickel	36-1/2
National City Bank	45-1/2
New York Central railroad	20-7/8
Sinclair Oil	33-3/4
Socony Vacuum	25
Texas Co.,	77-7/8
Union Carbide	54
U. S. Smelting	54-1/2
U. S. Steel common	41-1/2
Western Union	43

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 3,650,000

The highest and lowest of U S steel trading prices were 41-3/4 and 41-1/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.

Following initial steadiness prices eased under profittaking and scattered hedge pressure attributed partly to technical considerations. Selling was also based on liberal receipts in the terminal markets with trade advices reporting south-western farmers were more aggressive sellers of wheat. Slow export demand for United States grains and less active domestic flour business were additional adverse influences. Eveningup in December was evident prior to its expiration at close today.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	2.41
March	2.46-5/8
May	2.45-1/2
July	2.40-1/2

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

LONDON, Dec 19.

Australian wheat (outside interntaional wheat agreement) for per 480 lbs Jan./Feb. 118/4-1/2

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 15th day of December:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	12,62,13,000
Notes in circulation	1146,27,73,000
Total Notes issued	1158,89,86,000
Total Liabilities	1158,89,86,000
ASSETS	
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	623,15,11,000
Rupee Coin	59,10,42,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	436,62,62,000
Total Assets	1158,89,86,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 57.224 per cent.	

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	153,79,62,000
(2) Other Governments	10,57,97,000
(b) Banks	67,28,86,000
(c) Others	60,54,22,000
Bills Payable	7,20,68,000
Other Liabilities	10,67,74,000
Rupees	320,09,09,000
ASSETS	
Notes	12,62,13,000
Rupee Coin	13,18,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,76,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	25,00,000
Government Treasury Bills	2,79,08,000
Balances held abroad	198,82,99,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	4,05,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	4,69,41,000
Investments	92,07,30,000
Other Assets	4,83,24,000
Rupees	320,09,09,000

Calcutta Shares Steady

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20

The market ruled quiet but steady with regard to the speculative counters while other stocks remained more or less unaltered. Following are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 93-4 small lot. Three per cent 1986 93-1 Three per cent Loan 1957 100-3. Three per cent Loan 1959-61 99-10. Three per cent Loan 1966-68 98-2-6. Three per cent Loan 1970-75 96-14 small odd lot.

COTTONS: Benares Cotton 3-11. Bengal Nagpur 19-3. Dunbar 185. Kesoram 21-10. Elgin Mills 17-14. New Victoria ordv 2-3.

COALS: Amalgamated 36-5 Bengal 551 small lot. Central India 5-12. Equitable 51-10 North Damuda 9-5. South Karanpura 26-12. Western Bengal 6-10. Churulia 5. Sendra 25

JUTES: Anglo-India 297. Belly 263 small lot. Budge Budge 247. Delta 270. Ganges 384. Howrah 36-4. India 207. Kamarhatty 321. Megna 171-8. Orient 234. Lothian 255. National 28-6. New Central 265. Nuddea 82-8. Reliance 24-10.

ENGINEERINGS: Bri- Building and Iron 4-13 Burn and Co. 310. Indian Iron 32-9. Kumardhubi Engineering 7-9. Marshall 8-12. National Iron 4-13. Saran Engineering 9-8. C T Steel Corporation 23-8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corporation 2-10. Indian Copper 3-4. Tanjor Tin annas fourteen. Assam Bengal Cement 8-8. Sone Valley Cement 7-3. Alkali and Chemical 16. Alluminium 19-5. Dunlop Rubber ordy 45-4 Western Investment 151-6. Indian Wood Products 37-8. Jardine Henderson 148. Martin Burn 17-2 National Insulated Cable 11-13. Ex-div. British Burma Petrol 1-10. Bengal Paper 49-8. India Paper Pulp 173-8 Shree Gopal Paper 12-8. Star Paper 7-1. Titaghur Paper 29-2. Assam Saws 8-5. India Steamship 7-9. Sugars Belsund 6-12. Champaran 24-8. Darbhanga 11-8. Ramnugger Cane 15-5.

TEAS: Banarhat 375. ex-div. Bormahjan 15-4. Killcott 23. Ex-div C. T Nagaisurrea 198-8 small lot. New Chunta 31-10. Ranicherra 7-12. Sapoi 13-10. Tezpore 26-12.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 19.

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SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS TO RAILWAYS APPROVED

Mr. Deshmukh's Statement On Economy Plans Expected

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20, (PTI).

PARLIAMENT granted today supplementary grants totalling about Rs. 22 crores to the railways and took up consideration of general supplementary demands which total more than Rs. 40 crores.

At the request of the Chair, the Finance Minister, Mr. Chintaman Deshmukh, agreed to make a few observations on Government's economy plans. His statement is expected tomorrow.

Mr. B. L. Sondhi (Punjab) said that the economy promised by Government to the House last year seemed now to have been "absolutely smashed."

Mr. B. Das (Orissa) remarked that during the last budget session the House gave a mandate to the then Finance Minister to enforce strict economy but "somehow, the House and the Finance Minister himself seem to be groping in the dark and nothing has been done towards economy."

TOTAL DEMANDS

The Railway supplementary demands totalled about Rupees 22 crores, of which Rupees twelve crores would be charged to revenue and the rest to capital.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Railway Minister, said that it was a matter of concern to him that it should have been necessary for him to come to the House and ask for a supplementary demand of such dimensions. But those demands were inescapable and arose out of the application of the Central Pay Code scales to the employees of the Indian State Railways taken over by the Centre (Rs. 102 lakhs), anti-sabotage measures, repairs of sections damaged by floods and cyclone, repairs to rolling stock due to train accidents, increased provision for the maintenance of rolling stock, plant and machinery in order to overtake arrears, speedier disposal of claims for compensation and other factors.

The demands did not indicate any lax administration or any kind of overspending. As a matter of fact, the Railways started an economy campaign last year and it was being pursued. Compared to the previous year, the Railways had been able to reduce the operating ratio from 79.4 per cent to 73.1 per cent and even after passing the supplementary demands, it was hoped to further reduce the ratio to 71.2 per cent.

In spite of the items of additional expenditure, Mr. Ayyangar said, the railways expected to close the current year in at least as satisfactory a way as was anticipated in the budget. It would not interfere with the amount of dividend that the Railways were committed to pay to general revenues. As a matter of fact, there would be a slight increase. It would not interfere with the appropriations to the Depreciation Reserve Fund or the Development Fund. If anything, the Depreciation Reserve Fund would probably get an additional credit.

STAFF QUARTERS

Mr. Frank Anthony said that the problem of staff quarters, particularly for the loco and running staff, should be given the most urgent priority. The problem was most acute, particularly on the M. and S. M. and South Indian Railways. Whenever he brought the matter to the notice of the General Manager of the M. and S. M. Railway, his representations were treated not only with scant respect but even discourtesy.

Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, protested against the charge and said the General Manager was not in the House to reply.

Mr. Anthony said he was very grateful to Mr. Santhanam for the consistent courtesy which he had accorded to his representations, but he would repeat his 'serious grievance' against the General Manager of the M. and S. M. Railway.

Mr. Anthony said that perhaps the lack of accommodation was unavoidable at present, but the grievance would be reduced to a minimum if there was more co-ordination in making transfers.

Mr. Devi Datt Pant (U.P.) urged that more attention be paid to the welfare of railway workers than was being done at present.

Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt (Bombay) said inordinate delay was being caused in executing schemes to provide amenities to passengers.

REVENUE RETURN

Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, replying to the debate, said it was impossible for any Government to avoid supplementary grants, the main reason being that the budget estimates for a particular year were framed months in advance.

Mr. Goenka's inference that the railways were swallowing up every Rupee of additional revenue in supplementary expenditure was not correct. As a matter of fact, the revenue return that the railways had had up to the end of November last enabled them to anticipate that by the end of the year the revenue return would not only cover the supplementary grants, but would probably give them something more.

Government were providing as much money as possible for staff quarters, said Mr. Ayyangar in reply to Mr. Anthony. It was the policy of the Railway Ministry to provide quarters for every railwayman, particularly for every railwayman in Class Four and Class Three Services. But that meant a huge expenditure which had to be spread over several years. It would be his endeavour to provide as much money as possible for staff quarters in every budget.

Mr. Ayyangar said in reply to Pandit Kunzru that a definite improvement was registered during 1949-50 in the conditions of work in the railway workshops. That improvement was certainly being maintained. On the broad gauge, it was being substantially improved in the course of the year. There was room for improvement in regard to the workshops on the metre gauge, but that was being attended to.

He told Mr. Sidhwa that it would be the endeavour of the railways to spend the whole of the amount set apart for staff quarters in the supplementary grant before the end of the current year.

Prof. K. T. Shah suggested that the Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, should explain the general scheme of the demands.

Mr. Deshmukh said that there was no general scheme. The list before the House was a collection of demands which had arisen, most of them of an 'ad hoc' nature which could not be foreseen before. So it did not run to the same pattern as the general budget and did not lend itself to the treatment suggested by Prof. Shah.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr. Thakur Das Bhargava, Mr. Deshmukh said he would make a few observations on a suitable demand.

POSTAL SERVICES

The House next took up the demand for supplementary grant in respect of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department amounting to Rs. 96,80,000 and passed it after a brief debate.

Mr. Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister for Communications, replying to the points raised by members, said that it was not possible to foresee items of expenditure asked for in the grant.

Mr. Lal assured Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhiri that the question of carrying insured letters by air was under active consideration and he hoped that soon these letters would be "air lifted." He agreed with him that telephone girl operators were not as efficient as they should be but added that adequate steps were being taken to give them suitable training in their work.

The Department, Mr. Lal said, very much wanted to open more post offices in the cities where they earned valuable revenue. But, the whole difficulty arose because adequate buildings were not available to house the post offices.

He told Mr. P. S. Deshmukh that the Department had to pay the railways a substantial sum for carrying second class mail even after the inauguration of the all-up scheme. The simple reason for this was that the volume of second class mail had increased greatly. In fact, the volume of mail carried through surface transport was increasing by seven per cent annually.

The House adjourned till tomorrow when the debate on the demand for supplementary grants will be continued.

Pritt Preaches Peace

Mr. D. N. Pritt, seen addressing the Bombay Peace Committee meeting on the prevention of war.

INDIA CAN HELP TO PROMOTE PEACE

Mr. Pritt On Need To Reconcile Warring Elements

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

MR. D. N. PRITT, King's Counsel and a former British M.P. appealed to the people of India today to help towards building up the peace of the world.

Mr. Pritt who was speaking on "The Prevention of War" under the auspices of the Bombay Peace Committee, said that in case of a third global war India might remain neutral politically. Economically, however, she was apt to suffer immeasurably, and there was a likelihood of millions of her people dying of starvation.

Mr. Pritt asserted that in the world of today India could play a great constructive role in reconciling two opposing power-blocs that were more and more drifting away from each other. He added: "You have got traditions of a peaceful people and you can bring to bear on your government the necessity of taking vigorous action towards conciliating the warring elements. You can thus build up the peace of the world."

PEACE MOVEMENT

Mr. Pritt wanted the World Peace Movement spread in India. He urged that India should have more and more of Peace Committees.

At the outset, Mr. Pritt observed that war could be averted if they worked hard and in the right way. The world as it stood at present, was divided into two distinct power-blocs based on different political and social ideologies. The Anglo-American bloc believed that liberty and Communism could not exist together. While on the one hand it professed peace, on the other it openly cried for war against Russia, and was spending more and more on building up of armaments. The democracies falling within this bloc could not tolerate even "talk on peace." According to them the Stokholm appeal for peace "weakened the will of the people to resist."

There was also a systematic refusal to consider any proposal for the prevention of atom bomb or reduction in armaments. All this indicated that Americans and those who followed them were in a state of hysterical fear of communism.

RUSSIAN EXAMPLE

The Russian bloc, on the other hand, emphatically asserted, continued the speaker, that democracy and Communism could exist side by side, and need not go to war against each other. It had also reduced its expenditure on armaments. There was also ample proof to indicate that countries within this bloc had increased their civil expenditure so as to provide for better education, health and scientific research. In fact, their food was at present best in the world. They had expressed themselves in clear and unequivocal terms against the use of the atom bomb and had been continuously clamouring for the establishment of peaceful relations among the nations of the world through negotiations and conciliation.

Concluding, Mr. Pritt maintained that if they were to work hard and with a clear perspective, he was confident that "peace would triumph over war."

Dr. A. V. Baliga who presided welcomed Mr. Pritt.

TRIBUTES TO MR. N. M. JOSHI

Pioneer Co-operator

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The services rendered by Mr. N. M. Joshi, Veteran labour leader of Bombay to the country were extolled at a function held under the auspices of the Gokhale Education Society at Seth Dharamsey Govindji Thakersey High School., Vithalbhai Patel Road this evening. Mr. Vaikunthlal Mehta Finance Minister, Bombay Government, presided.

Among those who addressed the gathering and paid tributes to the services of Mr. Joshi were Messrs T. A. Kulkarni, Chairman of the Gokhale Education Society, D. G. Dalvi, Vasantrao Karnik and Miss Maniben Kara. The speakers said that the services rendered by Mr. Joshi to the country during the last 45 years were selfless and unique. Although he was 72 years of age now he was still taking keen interest in social activities.

Mr. Vaikuntlal Mehta said that Mr. Joshi was one of the pioneers of the co-operative movement in the country. The Social Service League founded by Mr. Joshi was rendering unique services to the people of Bombay for the last several years.

Mr. Mehta declared on behalf of the Gokhale Education Society that to associate permanently Mr. Joshi's name with the work of the Society the Society would give annually a prize of Rs. 101 in cash to a student of their Hansraj Pragji Thakersey College, who secures the highest number of marks in Economics in the B. A. examination with effect from 1951. Mr. Joshi who was garlanded on behalf of a number of social, educational and labour organisations thanked them for the honour done to him.

STATE CONTROL AND INDUSTRY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI).—Mr. Ram Nath, Managing Director of the Industrial Finance Corporation of the Government of India, said here today that any authoritarian control of industry by the State was not possible in India in view of present day industrial conditions.

Considerable scope had to be given to private initiative, with an overall supervision, of course, of industrial activity by the State, he added.

New Shiromani Akali Dal Chief

AMRITSAR, Dec. 20 (PTI).—Sardar Jaswant Singh Danewalia was unanimously elected President of the Shiromani Akali Dal today.

He replaces Sardar Hukam Singh against whom a no-confidence motion was unanimously passed at a meeting of the general body of the Dal today. The meeting was called on requisition by 36 members of the Dal who had pressed for the no-confidence motion against Sardar Hukam Singh.

PEOPLE WANT PEACE, SAYS ARCHBISHOP

Dr. Gracias On His New Office

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

HIS GRACE the Most Reverend Mr. Valerian Gracias, was publicly enthroned as Archbishop of Bombay at a function held this evening at St. Xaver's College Gymkhana Grounds, Parel, at which members of the Foreign Consular Corps, the clergy, leaders of the city and representatives of various organisations were present.

His Grace was presented with an address in which his services to the city and the laity in particular were recalled, and the work done by him during the past four years as Bishop Auxilliary of Bombay was reviewed.

A gold casket was presented to the newly appointed Archbishop of Bombay.

Thanking the congregation for the enthusiastic reception given to him, His Grace referring to recent political developments in this country and abroad said that 20 years ago when he had gone abroad, he had travelled with a British passport. Today he held an Indian visa, and he had felt the effect of the transition through which this country had passed. The passport he held was a passport to many things. The Indian High Commissioner for the U.K. had placed his entire office at the disposal of the Archbishop, and had later arranged for a passage for him on the S. S. Himalaya, It made one feel good to travel with an Indian passport, as a free man and not as a subject. It gave one a feeling of self-respect.

With regard to the peoples of the West and their attitude to this country, His Grace said that a vast amount of ignorance prevailed overseas about India, her politics, culture and people. The Indian embassies made it their main task to enlighten the foreigner on these points.

PEOPLE WANT PEACE

Turning to political trends outside this country, the Archbishop said that wherever he had been he found the people anxious to avoid war. But they were also not in favour of communism. The people wanted to live in peace; the peace which fostered family life and sound social development. The peace, in short, he added, which had been described as the tranquillity of order.

His Grace stated that his appointment as Archbishop had taken time, although no one was more anxious to appoint an Indian as Archbishop than His Holiness, the Pope. But since it was a matter of interest to other countries as well the matter had to be considered carefully, and could only be given effect to after consultations and negotiations. His nomination, however, marked the end of a chapter and the beginning of a new one for the Archdiocese of Bombay and for himself.

Mgr. Vivian Dyer raised a vote of thanks to all who had helped in making the functions and the day's reception a success.

ARRIVED IN CITY

The Most Rev. Dr. Valerian Gracias, the first Indian Archbishop of Bombay, arrived in the city this morning by s.s. "Himalaya" after his visit to the holy city of Rome.

He was received at the Ballard Pier Mole Station by a large gathering of Catholics, including over a thousand children, 200 clergy and 60 nuns. The welcome was accorded at a brief, pleasant function arranged on the platform of the Mole Station which was gaily decorated with flags and buntings.

Archbishop Valerian Gracias

MERCHANTS' CHAMBER'S TRIBUTE TO SARDAR

'An Intrepid Fighter In The Cause Of Freedom'

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A Special General Meeting of the Indian Merchants Chamber held today to pay homage to the memory of Sardar Patel affirmed in a resolution that "the commercial community of the country will do everything in its power to further the causes for which Sardar Patel stood and strived and will stand steadfastly behind Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister, in his efforts to consolidate the newly won freedom".

The resolution which was moved by Mr. R. G. Sariaya, the President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, said that Sardar Patel was "an intrepid fighter in the cause of the country's freedom". He had a genius for organisation and his sense of discipline was a passion with him".

Sir Cowasji Jehangir paying his tribute said that Sardar Patel was the "most stabilising factor in the Government of India". He was a man who faced reality, Sir Cowasji added, and as such his death affected the commercial community most.

Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Delhi, said that the nation must rally round Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru as one man so that "the work of Sardar Patel will be completed by him".

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta said that out of the three pioneers of the country's freedom, Gandhiji, Sardar and Nehru, only Mr. Nehru was left to guide the destiny of the nation. It was Sardar Patel's iron will, leadership, organising abilities and unremiting zeal for work that first prompted Mahatma Gandhi to choose him as his lieutenant. Sir Chunilal also paid a tribute to Miss Maniben Patel for her sacrifice in serving her father to the last and said that her example would be unique in the annals of history.

Messrs. Mohommed Husein Hasham Premji, Ramdev Poddar and S. B. Paymaster also associated themselves in paying tributes to the memory of Sardar Patel.

An over-crowded house in the Chamber's Hall then stood up in silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

A bust of the Sardar to be placed in the Committee Hall of the Chamber has been donated by Mr. R. G. Saraiya

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

THERE is no end to our woes. Yesterday, two Americans suddenly and without warning sprang an indictment on Indians as a whole which fairly knocked me out. We were a morose and gloomy lot, with neither the will nor the capacity for enjoying life. A walk down our busiest streets showed a crowd of surly faces, with not a single pleasant expression to relieve the atmosphere.

In vain I quoted Mark Twain's famous certificate that Indians are a cheerful people and that you could not see one surly face in a crowd in this country. But it cut no ice with the modern Tramps abroad, whose only wish was that they would be "kicked out of this country". The seriousness of the world situation, the troubles of shortages, the irritating pin-pricks of politicians, and the difficulties of transport—all these were given short shrift. The Indian is born sad and he dies sad, was the verdict; and the more hot I got about it, the more I lost my case. Finally, I had to resort to the personal argument and say that if Indians were found so, the fault was in the finder. It was a weak point but, like weak points everywhere, it went home.

But it has been worrying me quite a bit. If we are a sad lot, then this column is just so much waste of space and might as well be shut up. From the number of persons whom I have found laughing at my jokes, I was inclined to think that humour was a strong feature with us. But apparently I am all wrong. Never mind the Americans, they are a nation of happy-go-lucky folks. But even a couple of British friends bear out this testimony. And an Indian who is himself an exceptionally cheerful person, goes one further and stoutly asserts that Indians prefer to be sad rather than to be glad. It is not that the Indian physiognomy is grave and sorrowful but the Indian temperament itself is that way, according to him.

The funny part of it—funny peculiar; not funny ha-ha, as Topsy puts it—is that I have a very different experience. I would like to see a few gloomy faces for a change but do I get the chance? Not on your life. Even the office fanatic who espouses all lost causes and makes them even loster by the time he has done with them, greets me with a broad grin and laughs at himself when I tackle him. What is more, I have run parties longer on plain, pure water than better men have on whisky Why, even the editorial columns have begun to show a feeble smile in the third leaders under my influence. Between you and me, there is no reason to be upset by the outside criticism. But since we wish to attract tourists, it would be well if we learnt how to be cheerful the foreign, specially the American, way

FOOD IMPORTS FROM AMERICA

Mrs. Pandit Negotiating

NEW DELHI, December 20, (PTI).

THE Food Minister, Mr. K. M. Munshi, told Mr. K. M. Tripathi in Parliament today that arrangements had been made for importing 880,000 tons of foodgrains including 680,000 tons of milo from United States. Of these, 400,000 tons had already arrived or were expected to arrive before December, while the rest would be received during the first half of 1951.

Mr Munshi confirmed that the Indian Ambassador in Washington was negotiating a deal for the import of two million tons of foodgrains. No specific attempt has been made to negotiate this year Indian tea for Russian wheat.

The Minister told Mr. Raj Bahadur that the procurement prices fixed by Government were done after taking into consideration cost of production and other factors, but not what might be called blackmarket prices.

Mr. Munshi told Mr. S. C. Samanth that the enactment of a Central Legislation for controlling soil erosion was under the consideration of Government. Wind, water, haphazard cultivation, uncontrolled grazing and over-felling of trees were the main causes of soil erosion in India and nearly 136,000 acres had been temporarily lost in Travancore-Cochin, Saurashtra, Orissa, Kutch-, West Bengal Coorg, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi

WATER DISPUTES

The Works and Power Minister, Mr. N. V. Gadgil in a written answer to Mr Balmiki said that the question of undertaking legislation under Article 262 of the Constitution for settling water disputes between various states was under the consideration of the Government. In connection with almost every multi-purpose river valley development of inter-state rivers such disputes arose and efforts were continually being made to settle them by negotiation.

The Minister of State for Transport, Mr K. Santhanam told Dr. Parmar in a written reply that since the formation of Himachal Pradesh about 15 miles of motorable roads had been constructed and in addition a number of roads had been improved.

Mr. Santhanam told Mr. Satyanarayana that subject to availability of funds, construction work on a bridge over river Krishna at Vijayawada may be started in 1952-53 and completed in five years at an estimated cost of about Rs 76 lakhs.

TALE OF THE TREES

The Deputy Communications Minister, Mr. Khurshed Lal told Mr. H. V. Kamath in a written answer that the question of keeping in force those postal insurance policies for which the Pakistan Government was responsible and the holders of which had come away to India was under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, Food Minister told Mr. Sidhva that approximately three crores of trees were planted in the whole country during the "vana mahotsava" and the States Governments were making all efforts to ensure that the newly planted trees survive and grow.

The Food Minister told Dr. R. S. Singh in a written answer that five ships carrying 41,600 tons of wheat from Australia had been diverted by the U.K. Government to India.

INDO-PAKISTAN CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (PTI).

The Indo-Pakistan Conference, scheduled to end today, will be continued tomorrow. The leader of the Pakistan delegation, Mr. Abdul Kadir, however, was flying back tonight to Karachi. The conference is discussing certain outstanding financial matters between the two countries.

The leaders of the Indian and Pakistan delegations, Messrs. H. M. Patel and Abdul Kadir, held informal discussions this morning on certain items of controversial nature. Mr. N. V. Rangachari, member of the Indian delegation, and Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Joint Secretary, Pakistan Ministry of Finance, also participated in the informal discussions.

It appears that the discussions have so far yielded no definite conclusions.

RAW COTTON ON RATION CARD

BANARAS, Dec. 20 (PTI).

One ration card will entitle its holder to buy three seers of raw cotton at the rate of Re. 1/10/- per seer, according to an order issued by the District Supply Officer here. About two dozen shops in the city will supply raw cotton ration. Similar arrangements have been made in the tehsil towns of the district.

Retail cotton price had gone up to Rs. 4/- per seer here.

MUTT AND JEFF—And Jeff Didn't Even Get Slugged This Time — By BUD FISHER

I GOT A PACKAGE FROM MUTT! HE DIDN'T FORGET MY BIRTHDAY AFTER ALL!
AN AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE OF MUTT!
SOME BIRTHDAY PRESENT!
OH, THANKS, MUTT, FOR THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT! IT'S A WONDERFUL GAME!
GAME?- I SENT YOU A PICTURE OF ME!
PICTURE OF YOU? WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT! AND I WAS UP ALL NIGHT TRYIN' TO PIN TAILS ON IT!
PIN A TAIL ON THE DONKEY

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